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# **The King's Royal Rifle Corps Calendar.**

**1908.**

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# JANUARY, 1908.

## TABLE OF EVENTS

Day	Date	
<b>W</b>	<b>1</b>	1857.—Enfield Rifles issued to 1st Bn. 1878.—Helmets issued to 1st Bn.
<b>Th</b>	<b>2</b>	1877.—1st Bn. landed in England from Halifax.
<b>F</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5</b>	1827.—Duke of York died. Duke of Cambridge appointed Colonel-in-Chief.
<b>M</b>	<b>6</b>	1838.—1st Bn. moved from Corfu to Zante. 1900.—Heavy Boer attack on Ladysmith (1st and 2nd Bns.).
<b>Tu</b>	<b>7</b>	1879.—Surrender of Kandahar.
<b>W</b>	<b>8</b>	1879.—2nd Bn. entered Kandahar first time (Afghan War).
<b>Th</b>	<b>9</b>	1819.—1st Bn. South Africa to West Indies and thence to England.
<b>F</b>	<b>10</b>	1812.—5th Bn. at commencement of siege Ciudad Rodrigo.
<b>S</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>13</b>	1895.—2nd Bn. left Gibraltar for Malta. 1900.—9th Bn. to South Africa.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>14</b>	1897.—Wreck of the <i>Warren Hastings</i> , with Head Quarters and four Companies of 1st Bn.
<b>W</b>	<b>15</b>	1873.—Martini-Henry Rifles issued to 1st Bn.
<b>Th</b>	<b>16</b>	1809.—2nd Bn. at Corunna under Sir John Moore.
<b>F</b>	<b>17</b>	1809.—2nd Bn. moved from Spain to the Channel Islands. 1901.—2nd Bn. arrived in India.
<b>S</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19</b>	1812.—Assault and capture of Ciudad Rodrigo (5th Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>20</b>	1860.—Eight Victoria Crosses given to 1st Bn. for Indian Mutiny.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>21</b>	1900.—Tugela River crossed (3rd Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>22</b>	1849.—Capture of Mooltan (Sikh War—1st Bn.).
<b>Th</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>24</b>	1900.—Battle of Spion Kop (3rd Bn.).
<b>S</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>27</b>	1852.—2nd Bn. engaged in destroying Kaffir farms, etc.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>28</b>	1854.—Lord Gough appointed Colonel-in-Chief. 1881.—Action of Laings Nek (3rd Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>30</b>	1841.—Brunswick percussion Rifles issued to 1st Bn.
<b>F</b>	<b>31</b>	1865.—Depôt of 2nd Bn. joined Service Companies at Aldershot.

**FEBRUARY.**

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
<b>S</b>	<b>1</b>	1866.—2nd Bn. moved from England to Ireland.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2</b>	1901.—1st Bn. in action at Roodepoort, South Africa.
<b>M</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>5</b>	1762.—Capture of Port Royal, Martinique (3rd Bn.). 1900.—Capture of Vaal Krantz (3rd Bn.).
<b>Th</b>	<b>6</b>	1810.—Capture of Guadaloupe (2nd and 4th Bns.).
<b>F</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>8</b>	1807.—Capture of Fort Dessaix Martinique. 1881.—Ingogo (3rd Bn.).
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9</b>	1818.—6th Bn. disbanded at Portsmouth.
<b>M</b>	<b>10</b>	1895.—3rd Bn. Parkhurst to Shorncliffe.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>11</b>	1850.—Expedition against Afridis (1st Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>12</b>	1797.—4 Companies 3rd Bn. sent from Tobago against Trinidad.
<b>Th</b>	<b>13</b>	1762.—3rd Bn. at Capture of Martinique.
<b>F</b>	<b>14</b>	1877.—New pattern haversack issued to 1st Bn.
<b>S</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16</b>	1900.—Cingolo (3rd Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>17</b>	1809.—3rd Bn. at capture of Martinique.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>18</b>	1900.—Monte Christo (3rd Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>19</b>	1862.—3rd Bn. moved from India to Burmah. 1879.—3rd Bn. sailed for South Africa. 1901.—4th Bn. Mounted Infantry Company embarked for South Africa.
<b>Th</b>	<b>20</b>	1759.—Gold Medal issued to Officers 1st Bn. for service against Indians.
<b>F</b>	<b>21</b>	1849.—Battle of Goojerat.
<b>S</b>	<b>22</b>	1849.—1st Bn. started from Jhelum to Rawal Pindi and Peshawar (Sikh War).
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23</b>	1814.—5th Bn. at Passage of the Adour.
<b>M</b>	<b>24</b>	1862.—2nd Bn. arrived at Portsmouth from China.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>26</b>	1852.—Wreck of <i>Birkenhead</i> , 31 Riflemen lost. 1825.—"Albuera," "Pyrenees," "Nive" granted.
<b>Th</b>	<b>27</b>	1814.—Battle of Orthes (5th Bn.). 1900.—Battle of Pieter's Hill (3rd Bn.).
<b>F</b>	<b>28</b>	1860.—2nd Bn. started for China. 1900.—Relief of Ladysmith (1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.).
<b>S</b>	<b>29</b>	1884.—Battle of El Teb (3rd Bn.).

## MARCH.

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1</b>	1884.—3rd Bn. present at Relief of Tokar.
<b>M</b>	<b>2</b>	1830.—2nd Bn. arrived from West Indies.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>3</b>	1869.—Field-Marshal H. R. H. Duke of Cambridge appointed Colonel-in-Chief. 1779.—Engagement at Hudson's Ferry.
<b>W</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>6</b>	1860.—V.C. granted to Lieutenant A. Heathcote and 6 Riflemen for Indian Mutiny.
<b>S</b>	<b>7</b>	1866.—1st Bn. moved from Ireland to Malta. 1900.—Royal Rifle Reserve Battalion formed at Portsmouth.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>10</b>	1852.—2nd Bn. formed part of a Force to attack Iron Mountains, South Africa.
<b>W</b>	<b>11</b>	1841.—2nd Bn. moved from Mediterranean to West Indies.
<b>Th</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>13</b>	1895.—Maxim Gun ('303) issued to 1st Bn. 1884.—3rd Bn. at Tamai.
<b>S</b>	<b>14</b>	1811.—Skirmish at Pombal.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>	1811.—Action of Casa Nova. 1879.—3rd Bn. arrived at the Cape.
<b>M</b>	<b>16</b>	1895.—1st Bn. detailed for Chitral Relief Force. 1904.—3rd Bn. moved from Cork to Bermuda.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>17</b>	1860.—1st Bn. moved from India to England, and was thanked by Governor-General for services. 1904.—Death of H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge.
<b>W</b>	<b>18</b>	1812.—5th Bn. at siege of Badajos. 1901.—4th Bn. Mounted Infantry Company embarked for South Africa.
<b>Th</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>20</b>	1879.—3rd Bn. arrived at Natal.
<b>S</b>	<b>21</b>	1794.—Capture of Martinique.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	1879.—3rd Bn. started on Zulu Campaign. 1903.—3rd Bn. arrived from South Africa.
<b>M</b>	<b>23</b>	1862.—3rd Bn. arrived at Thayetmyo from India. 1866.—Battalions at home reduced from 12 to 10 Companies.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>24</b>	1846.—1st Bn. started to Scinde.
<b>W</b>	<b>25</b>	1876.—7th or Depôt Bn. broken up.
<b>Th</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>27</b>	1891.—1st Bn. started on Hazara Expedition.
<b>S</b>	<b>28</b>	1844.—2nd Bn. moved from West Indies to Canada.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	1895.—1st Bn. started on Chitral Relief Expedition. 1904.—Depôt moved from Gosport to Winchester.
<b>M</b>	<b>30</b>	1828.—1st Bn. embarked at Lisbon for Ireland.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>31</b>	1855.—3rd Bn. raised in Dublin (4th time).

**APRIL.****Day    Date****TABLE OF EVENTS**

<b>W</b>	<b>1</b>	1863.—Viscount Melville appointed Colonel Commandant. 1874.—Busbies issued. "Ahmed Khel," "Kandahar," "Afghanistan," and "South Africa" granted 1881.
<b>Th</b>	<b>2</b>	1879.—3rd Bn. at Battle of Ginghilovo.
<b>F</b>	<b>3</b>	1879.—Relief of Ekhowe (3rd Bn.). 1895.—Malakand Pass, Chitral (1st Bn.).
<b>S</b>	<b>4</b>	1794.—Capture of St. Lucia (3rd Bn.).
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5</b>	1856.—2nd Bn. detachments in Kaffraria relieved by German Legion.
<b>M</b>	<b>6</b>	1812.—Storming of Badajoz (5th Bn.).
<b>Tu</b>	<b>7</b>	1891.—1st Bn. started on Miranzai Expedition.
<b>W</b>	<b>8</b>	1795.—3rd. Bn. moved from Channel Islands to West Indies.
<b>Th</b>	<b>9</b>	1800.—Clothing Warrant issued allowing green clothing to 5th Bn.
<b>F</b>	<b>10</b>	1814.—Battle of Toulouse.
<b>S</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12</b>	1809.—Capture of the Islands of Les Saintes, Guadeloupe (3rd and 4th Bns.).
<b>M</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>14</b>	1814.—Repulse of sortie from Bayonne (5th Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>15</b>	1811.—Surrender of Olivenza.
<b>Th</b>	<b>16</b>	1825.—Duke of York's button given to 1st Bn.
<b>F</b>	<b>17</b>	1781.—Skirmish at Hobkirks. 1858.—Action of Bagawallah.
<b>S</b>	<b>18</b>	1858.—Capture of Nugeelabad. 1815.—"Peninsula" granted.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>19</b>	1880.—Battle of Ahmed Khel (2nd Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>21</b>	1858.—Action of Nugena. Relief of Moradabad and Dojura.
<b>W</b>	<b>22</b>	1794.—Capture of Guadeloupe.
<b>Th</b>	<b>23</b>	1880.—Action at Arzu (Afghan War—2nd Bn.).
<b>F</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>25</b>	1860.—2nd Bn. arrived at Hong Kong from Calcutta.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>27</b>	1760.—Second Battle of Quebec.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>28</b>	1760.—2nd and 3rd Bns. at Plains of Abraham, Canada.
<b>W</b>	<b>29</b>	1780.—1st Bn. at Capture of Fort St. John, Nicaragua.
<b>Th</b>	<b>30</b>	1804.—Capture of Surinam.

## MAY.

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
<b>F</b>	<b>1</b>	1872.—Valise equipment issued to 1st Bn. 1904.—H.R.H. The Prince of Wales appointed Colonel in Chief.
<b>S</b>	<b>2</b>	1797.—Attack on Porto Rico. 1896.—Rifle Company Mounted Infantry embarked for South Africa.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>	1811.—Combat of Fuentes d'Onor (5th Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>5</b>	1811.—Battle of Fuentes d'Onor (5th Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>6</b>	1758.—16 Rifled Fusils issued to 1st Bn. 1858.—Capture of Bareilly (1st Bn.).
<b>Th</b>	<b>7</b>	1864.—2nd Bn. received Whitworth hexagonal-bore Rifles in place of 5-groove Rifles.
<b>F</b>	<b>8</b>	1845.—Companies distinguished by letters instead of numbers.
<b>S</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	1811.—Repulse of sortie at Badajos. 1857.—Outbreak of Indian Mutiny at Meerut (1st Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>11</b>	1858.—Relief of Shahjehanpore.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>12</b>	1809.—Passage of the Douro and Capture of Oporto (5th Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>13</b>	1850.—New pattern cap pockets issued to 1st Bn.
<b>Th</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>15</b>	1858.—Head Quarters of 2nd Bn. landed at Calcutta from South Africa.
<b>S</b>	<b>16</b>	1811.—Battle of Albuhera. 1760.—1st and 3rd Bns. at Quebec.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	1847.—2nd Bn. moved from Nova Scotia to England.
<b>M</b>	<b>18</b>	1760.—The French forced to raise the Siege of Quebec. 1763.—3rd and 4th Bns. disbanded.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>19</b>	1812.—Action of Almaraz.
<b>W</b>	<b>20</b>	1870.—Red River Expedition started (1st Bn.).
<b>Th</b>	<b>21</b>	1844.—2nd Bn. Depôt disembarked at Glasgow.
<b>F</b>	<b>22</b>	1844.—2nd Bn. Depôt arrived at Stirling from Ireland.
<b>S</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	1858.—Capture of Forts Bunnai and Mehundee (1st Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>25</b>	1846.—2nd Bn. Depôt embarked at Leith for Chatham.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>27</b>	1863.—2nd Bn. moved from Portsmouth to Aldershot.
<b>Th</b>	<b>28</b>	1864.—Whitworth Rifles issued to 1st and 2nd Bns.
<b>F</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>30</b>	1857.—Action of the Hindun (1st Bn.).
<b>Sun</b>	<b>31</b>	1858.—Capture of Shahabad (1st Bn.).



**JUNE.**

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
<b>M</b>	<b>1</b>	1835.—Service and Depôt Companies 2nd Bn. separated.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>2</b>	1758.—2nd and 3rd. Bns. arrived before Louisburg.
<b>W</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>4</b>	1841.—2nd Bn. arrived at Jamaica from Ionian Islands.
<b>F</b>	<b>5</b>	1759.—2nd and 3rd Bns. started for Quebec under Wolfe.
<b>S</b>	<b>6</b>	1864.—1st Bn. moved from England to Ireland.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7</b>	1857.—Battle of Badli Ka Serai and Capture of Heights before Delhi (1st Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>9</b>	1840.—1st Bn. arrived in England from Corfu
<b>W</b>	<b>10</b>	1796.—Defeat of Caribs at Vigie in the Island of Grenada.
<b>Th</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>13</b>	1893.—Indian Medal and Clasp Hazara issued to 1st Bn.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>14</b>	1760.—Grenadiers 2nd and 3rd Bns. started for Montreal.
<b>M</b>	<b>15</b>	1808.—5th Bn. started for Portugal.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>18</b>	1812.—5th Bn. at Siege of Forts St. Cayetano, St. Vincent, La Murcede, and Salamanca (Peninsula).
<b>F</b>	<b>19</b>	1829.—New pattern knapsack issued.
<b>S</b>	<b>20</b>	1757.—Expedition under Colonel Boquet to borders of South Carolina. 1798.—Engagement at Goff's Bridge. Rifles first used in action by 5th Bn.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>21</b>	1813.—Battle of Vittoria (5th Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>22</b>	1869.—4th Bn. moved from New Brunswick to England.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>24</b>	1817.—7th Bn. disbanded.
<b>Th</b>	<b>25</b>	1824.—Regiment made a British Corps and title changed to "Duke of York's Own."
<b>F</b>	<b>26</b>	1861.—4th Bn. moved from Ireland to Canada. 1904.—4th Bn. arrived at Gosport from South Africa.
<b>S</b>	<b>27</b>	1763.—4th Bn. disbanded.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>29</b>	1860.—2nd Bn. landed in China.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>30</b>	

## JULY.

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
W	1	1881.—Title of Corps changed from 60th Rifles to King's Royal Rifle Corps.
Th	2	
F	3	
S	4	
Sun	5	1759.—Repulse of the French at Oswego (4th Bn.).
M	6	
Tu	7	1873.—Glengarry caps issued to 1st Bn.
W	8	1850.—H. R. H. Duke of Cambridge, Colonel-in-Chief, died.
Th	9	1887.—1st and 2nd Bns. present at Jubilee Review at Aldershot.
F	10	1858.—2nd Bn. arrived at Dinapore for service against mutineers.
S	11	1845.—1st Bn. moved from Ireland to India.
Sun	12	1799.—6th and 7th Bns. raised.
M	13	
Tu	14	1836.—1st Bn. moved from Malta to Corfu.
W	15	1851.—2nd Bn. moved from Ireland to Kaffraria. 1824.—2nd Bn. became Rifles.
Th	16	1874.—4th Bn. moved from Portland to Devonport. 1896.—2nd Bn. from Malta to South Africa.
F	17	1882.—3rd Bn. disembarked at Alexandria from Malta.
S	18	1812.—Skirmish at Castragon.
Sun	19	1817.—2nd Bn. moved from West Indies to Nova Scotia.
M	20	1896.—Rifle Company Mounted Infantry engaged in action with Matabele.
Tu	21	1759.—1st Bn. formed part of Force for invasion of Canada.
W	22	1812.—Battle of Salamanca (5th Bn.).
Th	23	
F	24	
S	25	1759.—Capture of Fort Niagara. 1813.—Battle of the Pyrenees. 1818.—5th Rifle Bn. disbanded.
Sun	26	1758.—Capture of Louisburg. 1800.—1st clothing warrant issued for dress of Regiment.
M	27	1758.—Capture of Fort Frontenac. 1857.—4th Bn. raised at Winchester, "4th time."
Tu	28	1809.—Battle of Talavera (5th Bn.).
W	29	1809.—Battle of Pyrenees (5th Bn.).
Th	30	
F	31	1759.—Motto of <i>Celer et Audax</i> given by Wolfe to the Regiment at attack of Montmorenci.

**AUGUST.**

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
<b>S</b>	<b>1</b>	1856.—Double-breasted tunic issued.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2</b>	1860.—Capture of Peh-Tang (2nd Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>3</b>	1860.—2nd Bn. formed part of Force at Peh-Tang, China.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>5</b>	1857.—3rd Bn. moved from Ireland to India.
<b>Th</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>7</b>	1758.—Part of 2nd and 3rd Bns. started for Prince Edward's Island.
<b>S</b>	<b>8</b>	1857.—3rd Bn. embarked for Madras. 1900.—1st Bn. in action, Amersfoot, South Africa.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9</b>	1880.—2nd Bn. started on march from Cabul to Kandahar under Roberts.
<b>M</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>11</b>	1879.—3rd Bn. arrived at Ulundi. Zulu War.
<b>W</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>13</b>	1762.—Capture of Havannah. 1901.—Battle near Lydenburg, South Africa (1st Bn.).
<b>F</b>	<b>14</b>	1860.—Capture of Fort Tanghu (2nd Bn. present).
<b>S</b>	<b>15</b>	1850.—H. R. H. Prince Albert appointed Colonel-in-Chief.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16</b>	1808.—Action of Lorinda (5th Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>17</b>	1808.—Battle of Roleia (5th Bn.).
<b>Tu</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>19</b>	1856.—Enfield-Pritchett Rifles issued to 2nd Bn.
<b>Th</b>	<b>20</b>	1799.—Part of 5th Bn. at Surinam.
<b>F</b>	<b>21</b>	1808.—Battle of Vimiera (5th Bn.). 1860.—Capture of Taku Forts (2nd Bn.).
<b>S</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23</b>	1797.—H. R. H. Duke of York appointed Colonel-in-Chief. 1799.—Reduction of Surinam.
<b>M</b>	<b>24</b>	1814.—2 Companies 7th Bn. started for Penobscot River, Maine. 1900.—1st Bn. in action, Geluk, South Africa.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>25</b>	1760.—Capture of Fort Isle Royale. 1775.—3rd and 4th Bns. raised.
<b>W</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>28</b>	1879.—Capture of Ketchwayo.
<b>S</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>31</b>	1880.—Termination of march from Cabul to Kandahar.

## SEPTEMBER.

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
<b>Tu</b>	<b>1</b>	1880.—Battle of Kandahar (2nd Bn.). 1813.—7th Rifle Bn. raised in Guernsey.
<b>W</b>	<b>2</b>	1870.—4th Bn. moved from Colchester to Aldershot. 1900.—Mounted Infantry Company in action (1st Bn.).
<b>Th</b>	<b>3</b>	1884.—3rd Bn. arrived at Mount Troodos, Cyprus.
<b>F</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>5</b>	1867.—1st Bn. moved from Mediterranean to Canada.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6</b>	1760.—1st and 4th Bns. at siege of Montreal.
<b>M</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>8</b>	1760.—Capture of Montreal (2nd and 3rd Bns.).
<b>W</b>	<b>9</b>	1882.—Action at Kassassin (3rd Bn.).
<b>Th</b>	<b>10</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>11</b>	1863.—"Delhi" granted. 1855.—2nd Bn. supplied with Pritchett rifles.
<b>S</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13</b>	1759.—Battle of Quebec (2nd and 3rd Bns.). 1860.—Capture of Pekin (2nd Bn.). 1882.—Battle of Tel-el-Kebir (3rd Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	1867.—2nd Bn. moved from Ireland to India.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>W</b>	<b>16</b>	1759.—Grenadiers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th Bns. at Capture of Savannah.
<b>Th</b>	<b>17</b>	1759.—Capture of Quebec (2nd and 3rd Bns.). 1901.—Action at Blood River Poort, South Africa (Mounted Infantry Company 4th Bn.).
<b>F</b>	<b>18</b>	1899.—2nd Bn. embarked at Calcutta for S. Africa.
<b>S</b>	<b>19</b>	1812.—Capture of Fort St. Michael near Burgos (5th Bn.).
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	1857.—Assault and Capture of Delhi (1st Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>22</b>	1787.—3rd and 4th Bns. raised at Chatham. 1902.—1st Bn. embarked for Malta.
<b>W</b>	<b>23</b>	1852.—General Viscount Beresford, G.C.B., appointed Colonel-in-Chief.
<b>Th</b>	<b>24</b>	1858.—Wing of 2nd Bn. moved from Kaffraria to India.
<b>F</b>	<b>25</b>	1811.—Combat at El Bodon (5th Bn.).
<b>S</b>	<b>26</b>	1892.—1st Bn. started on Isazai Expedition.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	1810.—Battle of Busaco (5th Bn.). 1812.—Skirmish at Aldea de Ponte (5th Bn.).
<b>M</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>29</b>	1821.—Peninsular honors granted.
<b>W</b>	<b>30</b>	1758.—General, afterwards Lord, Amherst, K. B., appointed Colonel-in-Chief.

## OCTOBER.

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
Th	1	1851.—2nd Bn. landed at East London, British Kaffraria. 1873.—Busbies and Glengarries issued to 4th Bn.
F	2	1790.—Battle of Bergen.
S	3	1879.—3rd Bn. returned to Natal from Zulu War. 1906.—4th Bn. moved from Gosport to Colchester.
Sun	4	
M	5	1860.—New pattern chako issued to 1st Bn.
Tu	6	1803.—1st Bn. moved from South America to Nova Scotia.
W	7	1813.—Passage of the Bidassoa (5th Bn.).
Th	8	1858.—Action of Bark-ka-Gong (1st Bn.).
F	9	1779.—Repulse of the French attack on Savannah.
S	10	1783.—3rd and 4th Bns. disbanded at Halifax, N. S.
Sun	11	1870.—2nd Bn. started on Maori Expedition.
M	12	1870.—1st Bn. returned from Red River Expedition.
Tu	13	1824.—Steel scabbards sanctioned for Officers.
W	14	1794.—2 Companies 4th Bn. at siege of Fort Matilda, Guadaloupe.
Th	15	1824.—Motto, " <i>Celer et Audax</i> ," resumed.
F	16	1852.—One Company 2nd Bn. while escorting convoy attacked by Kaffirs.
S	17	1834.—1st Bn. moved from Gibraltar to Malta. 1902.—1st Bn. arrived at Malta.
Sun	18	1858.—1st Bn. started on Oude Campaign.
M	19	1858.—Action of Pusgaon.
Tu	20	1874.—Martini-Henry Rifles issued to 3rd and 4th Bns. 1899.— Battle of Talana Hill (1st Bn.).
W	21	1812.—Capture of Burgos (Peninsula)—5th Bn.
Th	22	1835.—2nd Bn. moved from Ireland to Mediterranean.
F	23	1837.—2nd Bn. ordered from Gibraltar to Corfu.
S	24	
Sun	25	1858.—Action of Rissoolpore. 1905.—3rd Bn. arrived at Alder- shot from Bermuda.
M	26	
Tu	27	1759.—Brigade-General The Hon. J. Murray appointed Governor of Quebec.
W	28	1811.—Action of Arroyo del Molinos (5th Bn.).
Th	29	
F	30	1867.—2nd Bn. disembarked at Calcutta from England. 1899.— Battle of Lombard's Kop (1st and 2nd Bns.).
S	31	1901.— Battle of Brakenlaagte (25th M. I.).

## NOVEMBER.

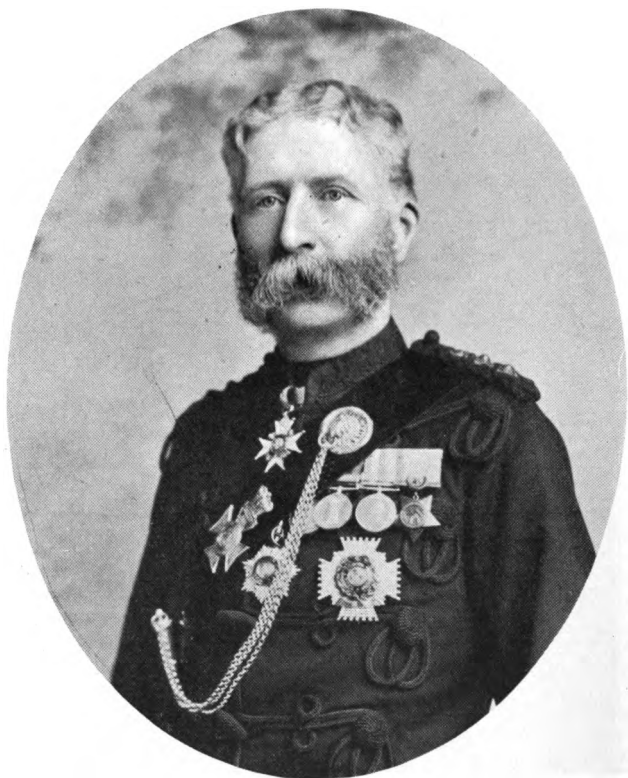
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<b>Sun</b>	<b>1</b>	1892.—Lee-Metford Rifle issued to 1st Bn.
<b>M</b>	<b>2</b>	1842.—Sir W. G. Davey appointed Colonel-Commandant.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>3</b>	1761.—Act of Parliament passed naturalizing foreign subjects to serve in the Regiment.
<b>W</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>5</b>	1899.—3rd Bn. embarked for South Africa.
<b>F</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>S</b>	<b>7</b>	1858.—Capture of Fort Mittowlee (1st Bn.).
<b>Sun</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>9</b>	1860.—Pekin evacuated by British Troops.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>10</b>	1813.—Battle of Nivelle. 1812.—Skirmish at Alba de Formes.
<b>W</b>	<b>11</b>	1871.—1st Bn. moved from Quebec to Halifax.
<b>Th</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>13</b>	1813.—Battle of St. Jean-de-Luz. 1755.—Act of Parliament 29th, Geo. II, Cap. 5, authorizing the raising of Regiment.
<b>S</b>	<b>14</b>	1813.—8th Rifle Bn. raised at Lisbon.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>17</b>	1865.—3rd Bn. moved from Burmah to India.
<b>W</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>20</b>	1809.—2nd Bn. moved from Channel Islands to West Indies.
<b>S</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>M</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Tu</b>	<b>24</b>	1880.—2nd Bn. returned from Afghan War.
<b>W</b>	<b>25</b>	1758.—Capture of Fort du Quesne (Pittsburg).
<b>Th</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>27</b>	1778.—Part of 4th Bn. started on Expedition to Georgia.
<b>S</b>	<b>28</b>	1801.—6th Bn. moved from England to West Indies.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29</b>	1871.—3rd Bn. moved from India to Aden.
<b>M</b>	<b>30</b>	1806.—3rd Bn. moved from Portsmouth to Channel Islands.

**DECEMBER.**

Day	Date	TABLE OF EVENTS
<b>Tu</b>	<b>1</b>	1858.—Action of Mehundee (1st Bn.).
<b>W</b>	<b>2</b>	1861.—China Medals issued to 2nd Bn.
<b>Th</b>	<b>3</b>	1849.—1st Bn. started on Yusufzai Expedition.
<b>F</b>	<b>4</b>	1851.—Passage of the Great Kei (2nd Bn.).
<b>S</b>	<b>5</b>	1892.—4th Bn. arrived in England from Burmah.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6</b>	1813.—8th, 9th, and 10th Bns. authorized.
<b>M</b>	<b>7</b>	1871.—3rd Bn. embarked for Aden from India.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>8</b>	1891.—2nd Bn. disembarked at Gibraltar from Dublin.
<b>W</b>	<b>9</b>	to 13th. 1813.—Battle of Nive (5th Bn.).
<b>Th</b>	<b>10</b>	1896.—1st Bn. to Cape and Mauritius from India.
<b>F</b>	<b>11</b>	1849.—Capture of Luggoo.
<b>S</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13</b>	1891.—3rd Bn. arrived in England from Gibraltar.
<b>M</b>	<b>14</b>	1849.—Capture of Pallee Zoormundie and Thear Khana. (1st Bn.)
<b>Tu</b>	<b>15</b>	1835.—Half 2nd Bn. embarked for Gibraltar from Cork. 1899.— Battle of Colenso.
<b>W</b>	<b>16</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>17</b>	
<b>F</b>	<b>18</b>	1858.—Short Enfield Rifles issued to 3rd Bn.
<b>S</b>	<b>19</b>	1894.—Winchester Barracks, including Quarters of Depôt, destroyed by fire.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	1852.—"Punjab," "Mooltan," and "Goojerat" granted.
<b>M</b>	<b>21</b>	1807.—Capture of the Danish Isles.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>22</b>	1894.—Depôt moved from Winchester to Portsdown Forts.
<b>W</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>24</b>	1880.—1st Bn. moved from Aldershot to Ireland.
<b>F</b>	<b>25</b>	1755.—Regiment raised. Earl of Loudoun appointed first Colonel-in-Chief.
<b>S</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	1757.—Major-General Abercrombie appointed Colonel-in-Chief.
<b>M</b>	<b>28</b>	1841.—Part of 2nd Bn. employed in quelling riots, Jamaica.
<b>Tu</b>	<b>29</b>	1829.—2nd Bn. moved from West Indies to Isle of Wight.
<b>W</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>Th</b>	<b>31</b>	1797.—5th Bn. raised at Cowes, Isle of Wight, clothed in green, and armed with Rifles.







MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CROMER ASHBURNHAM, K. C. B.

LIST OF OFFICERS, 1907.

RIFLE DEPOT—WINCHESTER.

*"Celer et Audax."*

"Louisberg," "Quebec, 1759," "Roleia," "Vimiera," "Martinique," "Talavera,"  
 "Busaco," "Fuentes d'Onor," "Alubhera," "Cuidad Rodrigo," "Badajoz,"  
 "Salamanca," "Vittoria," "Pyrenees," "Nivelle," "Nive," "Orthes," "Toulouse,"  
 "Peninsula," "Punjab," "Mooltan," "Goojerat," "Delhi," "Taku Forts,"  
 "Pekin," "South Africa, 1851-2-3, 1879," "Ahmad Khel," "Kandahar, 1880,"  
 "Afghanistan, 1878-80," "Egypt, 1882, 1884," "Tel-el-Kebir," "Chitral,"  
 "South Africa, 1899-1902," "Defence of Ladysmith," "Relief of Ladysmith."

Line and Militia Battalions.

<i>Uniform</i> --Green.	<i>Facings</i> --Scarlet.	<i>Agents</i> --Messrs. Cox & Co.
1st Battalion (60th Foot)	- - -	<i>Egypt.</i>
2nd " "	- - -	<i>Jubbulpore.</i>
3rd " "	- - -	<i>Aldershot (for Crete).</i>
4th " "	- - -	<i>Colchester.</i>
5th " (Huntingdon Militia)	- - -	<i>Huntingdon.</i>
7th " (R. 2nd Middlesex Militia)	- - -	<i>Barnet.</i>
8th " (Carlow Militia)	- - -	<i>Carlow.</i>
9th " (North Cork Militia)	- - -	<i>Mallow.</i>
Depôt and Record Office	- - -	<i>Winchester.</i>

Volunteer Battalions.

1 Battalion—(1st Middlesex)	- - -	<i>Davies Street, Berkeley Square, W.</i>
2 " { (2nd " )	- - -	<i>Fulham House, Putney Bridge, Fulham, S. W.</i>
" { (26th " attached)	- - -	<i>45a, Horseferry Road, Westminster, S. W.</i>
3 " (4th " )	- - -	<i>Iverna Gardens, Kensington, W.</i>
4 " (5th " )	- - -	<i>137, Park Road, Regent's Park, N. W.</i>
5 " (12th " )	- - -	<i>Somerset House.</i>
6 " (13th " )	- - -	<i>Queen's Hall, 58, Buckingham Gate, S. W.</i>
7 " (21st " )	- - -	<i>17, Penton Street, Pentonville.</i>
8 " (22nd " )	- - -	<i>3, Henry Street, Gray's Inn Road, W. C.</i>
9 " (1st London)	- - -	<i>130, Bunhill Row, E. C.</i>
10 " (2nd " )	- - -	<i>57a, Farringdon Road, E. C.</i>
11 " (3rd " )	- - -	<i>24, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E. C.</i>
1st Cadet Battalion	- - -	<i>42 and 44, Sun Street, Finsbury Square, E. C.</i>

Allied Regiment of Canadian Militia.

63rd (Halifax) Rifles - - - - *Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

Colonel-in-Chief	- - -	General H. R. H. George F. E. A., Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall and York, K. G., K. T., K. P., G. C. S. I., G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., G. C. V. O., I. S. O., Col.-in-Chief R. Fus., R. W. Fus., R. Mar. and Cam'n. Highrs., <i>Personal A. D. C. to the King</i>	1 May 1904
Colonels Commandant -	{	V. C. Buller, Gen., Rt. Hon. Sir R. H., G. C. B., G. C. M. G., ret. pay, [R], 1st Batt.	13 July 1895
		Grenfell, Gen., Rt. Hon. F. W., Lord, G. C. B., G. C. M. G., Col. 1st L. G. q. s., [R], s., 2nd Batt.	7 Aug. 1898
		Pemberton, Maj.-Gen. W. L., C. B., ret. pay, 4th Bn.	5 July 1906
		Ashburnham, Col. (Hon. Maj.-Gen.) Sir C., K. C. B., ret. pay [R], 3rd Batt.	2 May 1907

Officer Commanding Rifle Depôt (also )	Herbert, Col. F. W., C.B.	25 May 1904
Colonel in charge of Rifle Records )	col.	15 Oct. 1902
Adjutant, Rifle Depôt—Heriot-Maitland, Capt. J. D., D.S.O., R.B.		16 May 1906
Quarter-Master, Rifle Depôt - - - White, A. - -		11 Oct. 1905
		5 May, 1897
	hon. capt.	22 Aug. 1902

### 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Battalions.

#### Lieutenant-Colonels (4).

1 Markham, C. J.	... 18 Mar. 1904
bt. col.	18 Mar. 1907
4 Nugent, O. S. W., D.S.O.,	
p.s.c.	... 15 Oct. 1906
2 Henniker, Sir F. B. M.,	
Bart.	... 21 Oct. 1907
3 Oxley, R. S., p.s.c.	... 18 Dec. 1907

#### Majors (1).

##### (2nd in command).

2 Chaplin, C. S.	... 29 Nov. 1905
	13 May 1903

#### Majors (14).

3 Hare, S. W.	... 21 Oct. 1903
4 Brownlow, Hon. J. R.	25 Jan. 1904
s. Montagu-Stuart-Wortley,	
Hon. A. R., D.S.O.,	
p.s.c.	... 4 May 1904
d. 3 Northey, E.	... 3 Aug. 1904
s. Gosling, C.	... 14 Sept. 1904
1 Robertson-Eustace, C. L. E.,	
D.S.O.	... 12 Oct. 1904
3 Hope, J. A.	... 18 Jan. 1905
s. Pearce-Serocold, E.,	
p.s.c.	... 3 May 1905
s. Sackville-West, C. J.	
p.s.c.	... 2 Aug. 1905
	29 Nov. 1900
4 Byron, R., D.S.O.	... 7 Oct. 1905
s. Philips, L. F., p.s.c.	... 29 Nov. 1905
	22 Aug. 1902
3 Warre, H. C., D.S.O.,	
p.s.c., g.s.	... 5 Dec. 1906
s. Blore, H. R., p.s.c.	... 21 Oct. 1907
	29 Nov. 1900
Shakerley, G. C., D.S.O.	
	18 Dec. 1907

#### Captains (24).

m. Allgood, W. H. L.	... 8 Mar. 1899
2 Barnett, W.	... 17 May 1899
v. Manners, Lord R. W. O.,	
D.S.O.	... 17 May 1899
v. Long, W. J.	... 21 Oct. 1899
s. Hordern, G. V., p.s.c.,	4 Dec. 1899
bt. maj.	29 Nov. 1900

4 Green, H. C. R.	... 7 Jan. 1900
Wyndham, W. F. G.,	
M.V.O.	... 25 Feb. 1903
	23 Feb. 1900
v. Porter, M. L.	... 17 Mar. 1900
2 Crum, F. M.	... 1 Jan. 1901
bt. maj.	22 Aug. 1902
c.o. Master, R. C.	... 13 Jan. 1901
bt. maj.	14 Jan. 1901
s.c. Mott, S. F.	... 13 Jan. 1901
bt. maj.	22 Aug. 1902
s. Jelf, R. G.	... 13 Jan. 1901
m. Rennie, G. A. P., D.S.O.	
	25 Feb. 1901
2 Widdrington, B. F.	... 10 Mar. 1901
s. Blundell-Hollinshead-	
Blundell, D. H., M.V.O.,	
p.s.c.	... 19 Mar. 1901
1 Armytage, G. A.	... 26 June 1901
d. 2 Hankey, G. F. B.	... 26 June 1901
3 Foljambe, H. F. F. B.	20 July 1901
v. Johnstone, R.	... 18 Sept. 1901
d. 1 Pratt, M., D.S.O.	... 24 Sept. 1901
4 Majendie, B. J.	... 9 Oct. 1901
1 Bircham, H. F. W.	... 25 Oct. 1901
3 Davidson, J. H., D.S.O.,	
p.s.c.	... 25 Oct. 1901
v. Kay, W. A. I.	... 11 Dec. 1901
2 Cathcart, A. E.	... 7 Jan. 1902
s.c. Wake, H., D.S.O.	... 7 Jan. 1902
1 Johnson, H. C., D.S.O.	7 Jan. 1902
4 Seymour, C. H. N.	... 7 Jan. 1902
s.c. W.C. Price-Davies, L. A. E.,	
D.S.O.	... 7 Jan. 1902
2 Priaux, G. K.	... 22 Jan. 1902
1 Legard, A. D.	... 14 June 1902
2 Makins, G., M.V.O.	... 22 Jan. 1904
m. While, H. H. R.	... 1 Apr. 1904
1 Kennedy, H. B. P. L.	8 Aug. 1904
1 Martin, G. H., adjt.	23 Jan. 1905
4 Acland Troyte, G. J.	28 Jan. 1905
v. Leith, A. R.	... 25 Apr. 1905
1 Hawley, C. F.	... 23 Nov. 1905
3 Harris, Hon. A. F. W.,	
adjt.	... 23 Nov. 1905
2 Crichton, R. E.	... 11 Jan. 1906
1 Willan, F. G.	... 2 Feb. 1906
3 Culme-Seymour, G.	... 22 Mar. 1906

- 3 *MacLachlan, A. F. C.*,  
D.S.O., *adjt.* ... 25 Aug. 1906  
e.a. *Dalrymple, R. F.* ... 22 Jan. 1907  
3 *Parker-Jervis, W. S. W.* ... 10 Feb. 1907  
3 *Bradford, E. A.* ... 4 June 1907  
4 *Howard, C. A.* ... 19 July 1907  
4 *Barnett, G. H.* ... 9 Oct. 1907

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- 2 *Harker, T. H.* ... 19 Feb. 1901  
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s. *Fife, A. J.* ... 22 July 1905  
... 19 Feb. 1901  
s.c. *Curling, B. J.* ... 19 Feb. 1901  
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2 *Heseltine, J. E. N.* ... 10 Mar. 1901  
1 *Seymour, R. H.* ... 18 Mar. 1901  
3 *Yeats Brown, F. V.* ... 19 Mar. 1901  
4 *Lee, G. T.* ... 15 Apr. 1901  
d. 1 *Pardoe, F. L.* ... 15 Apr. 1901  
2 *Abadie, R. N., adjt.* ... 15 Apr. 1901  
d. 2 *Vernon, H. A.* ... 9 May 1901  
4 *Edwards, F. W. L., adjt.*,  
... 10 June 1901  
4 *Poë, C. V. L.* ... 24 June 1901  
d. 4 *Watson, H. W. M.* ... 26 June 1901  
1 *Eyre, C. D.* ... 3 July 1901  
d. 3 *Blewitt, G. T.* ... 20 July 1901  
2 *Temple, R. D.* ... 24 Sept. 1901  
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2 *Denison, E. B.* ... 20 Dec. 1901  
2 *Beaumont, G. A. H.* ... 23 Apr. 1904  
4 *Wingfield, C. J. T. R.* ... 16 Nov. 1904  
4 *Soames, A. A.* ... 23 Jan. 1905  
4 *Hunter, A. J.* ... 22 April 1905  
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3 *Deedes, W. H.* ... 22 Jan. 1906  
1 *Evans, A. P.* ... 22 Jan. 1906  
3 *Atkinson, G. M.* ... 2 Feb. 1906  
2 *Davis, W. J.* ... 9 May 1906  
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3 *Wormald, J.* ... 27 June 1906  
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1 *Oppenheim, A. C.* ... 4 June 1907

- 3 *Flower, H. J.* ... 19 July 1907  
4 *Clinton, W. L.* ... 26 Aug. 1907  
4 *Ponsonby, H. C.* ... 9 Oct. 1907  
4 *Mellor, J. S.* ... 7 Oct. 1907  
3 *Brooke, F. H.* ... 5 Dec. 1907

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- 2 *Blake, M. F.* ... 10 Oct. 1903  
3 *Pearse, J. F. B.* ... 7 May 1904  
1 *Hargreaves, J. G.* ... 14 May 1904  
2 *Howard-Bury, C. K.* ... 18 May 1904  
2 *Parish, F. W.* ... 3 Aug. 1904  
2 *Upton, Hon. E. E. M. J.* ... 16 Aug. 1905  
1 *Saunders, A. M.* ... 6 Sept. 1905  
1 *Woods, R. H.* ... 23 May 1906  
3 *Saunders-Knox Gore, W. A. C.*,  
... 29 Aug. 1906  
2 *Lee, C. F.* ... 29 Aug. 1906  
1 *Chenevix-Trench, P. G.*,  
... 29 Aug. 1906  
4 *Bigge, J. N.* ... 6 Oct. 1906  
2 *Butler, J. F. P.* ... 13 Feb. 1907  
1 *Franks, J. F.* ... 4 May 1907  
1 *Salisbury-Trelawny,*  
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3 *Leigh-Pemberton,*  
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3 *Bonham-Carter, A. L.* ... 9 Oct. 1907  
1 *Lees, J. V. E.* ... 9 Oct. 1907  
1 *Chaworth-Musters,*  
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- 2 *Abadie, R. N., lt.* ... 16 May 1905  
1 *Martin, G. H., capt.* ... 3 Sept. 1905  
4 *Edwards, F. W. L., lt.* ... 27 June 1906  
3 *MacLachlan, A. F. C.*,  
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- 2 *Dwane, J. W.* ... 15 Feb. 1888  
... *hon. maj.* 29 Nov. 1900  
m. *O'Shea, T.* ... 10 Jan. 1894  
... *hon. capt.* 10 Jan. 1904  
3 *Harrington, W. C., hon. lt.*  
... 26 Nov. 1898  
... *hon. lt.* 1 Feb. 1898  
1 *McNally, T. C., hon. lt.* 22 Mar. 1899  
m. *Wilkins, W. J., hon. lt.*  
... 7 Feb. 1900  
4 *Judge, W., hon. lt.* ... 11 Feb. 1903

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## REGIMENTAL RECORDS.

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### **1st Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps.**

*From 1st January to 31st December, 1907.*

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WITH HEAD QUARTERS AT KHARTOUM.

By G. H. M.

CHRISTMAS, 1906, was very pleasantly spent in Khartoum, though the fatted turkey was not very easily obtained in the Sudan.

The New Year found every one in very good health, and prepared to enjoy it to its fullest extent.

The first excitement of the year was a visit to the battlefield of Omdurman. The Battalion moved by boat to a camp (Khalifa's Camp) on the Nile, close to the battlefield.

The following morning the Battalion marched up to the heights above the plain, and Colonel Stanton, who had been present at the battle, described the whole fight in the most graphic style.

After dinner the Battalion marched back to Omdurman, and then went back to Barracks by river. D Company, under Captain Kennedy, marched back to the camping ground of the previous night for company training.

H.E. the Governor-General held a reception on the 8th January, at which all Officers were present.

Captain Johnson, D.S.O., and Captain Willan, A and G Companies, went by train from Khartoum North to Gebel Gurri, and then by route march to a camp on the Shabluka Cataract, for field training. All seemed to have enjoyed their week there. The broken ground was

a distinct relief after the level desert round Khartoum. A little fishing and shooting served to pass away the afternoons.

The Battalion Rifle Meeting commenced on the 17th January, and lasted over the two succeeding days. The general weather conditions were cool and very windy, light good. The Egyptian Army kindly lent us their ranges, so there was plenty of room. The individual practices produced entries to the number of 2,500 from 530, the total strengths of the Battalion at Khartoum.

The results are given in detail on another page.

The standard of the shooting was, on the whole, very good.

Tuesday, the 15th, was observed as a holiday to celebrate the anniversary of the wreck of the *Warren Hastings*. The Sergeants' Mess gave a most successful entertainment, the first of its kind in the history of Khartoum, and was voted a great success by everyone present.

H.E. the Governor-General carried out the Annual Inspection of the Battalion on Monday, 21st January. His Excellency expressed his entire satisfaction with all he had seen, and concluded his remarks by saying he would have great pleasure in rendering a favourable report on the Battalion.

On the 23rd the Officers held a Gymkhana, which was well attended, and all the events produced large fields. The Officers' Donkey Steeplechase caused a great deal of amusement.

On the 28th January, E Company, Captain Legard, marched up the Blue Nile, bivouacking at Soba, and going on the next day to Eil-a-Fun, when they encamped for training.

As in the case of companies at the Shabluka, all the stores, etc., were taken by boat, and this served as a store depôt, so that a canteen could always be kept going. The Company marched back by the same route, and arrived in Khartoum on the 11th February.

## MUSKETRY.

The Musketry Team from the Battalion Branch of the R.A.T.A. was successful in winning the Challenge Shield and £16 presented for competition among all Regular units of the Army (excluding India) by the Headquarters of the Association.

On the 26th the 4th Battalion very kindly cabled the following:—"You have won the first six and eighth prizes in the Inter-Company Cup Competition. Congratulations from Fourth Battalion."

In publishing this cablegram, the C.O. issued the following order:—"In publishing the above message, the C.O. feels that it is useless to attempt to express in words his intense gratification at the splendid result achieved by the Battalion, on which he most cordially congratulates all ranks. In winning seven out of the first eight prizes, including the first, a record has been made, which confers the greatest distinction upon the 1st Battalion, and adds materially to the credit and reputation of the Regiment."

## SPORT, ETC.

The shooting up the White and Blue Niles is the best of its kind in the world, and fortunately a number of the Officers were able to get away at different times to enjoy the opportunity of being on the spot and so getting comparatively cheaply some of the very best shooting.

At the end of the month the Celer-et-Audax Dramatic Club produced "Our Regiment." It was extremely good and was greeted by a full house each night. Everything was very nicely done by the carpenters and costumes were quite of the latest Paris and Bond Street style.

The standard of Dramatic Art set in this play, the first acted in Khartoum, was very high and should act as an incentive to others to follow the excellent example set.

A monthly concert, at which the Staff of the Egyptian Army helped to contribute small sketches to vary the programme, and a boxing competition helped to pass the summer season.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS.

B and C Companies did their training out at Soba, on the Blue Nile. They had a very pleasant camp and got through a lot of useful work.

The Winter season comes to an end in March and the Summer begins in April. The north wind gives place to the south wind and no work out in the open after 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. is the order of the day.

The Summer season might be divided into two periods, first the dust and Haboubs, and secondly the rains.

The first period was very hot and the dust very unpleasant whenever the wind got up. The windstorms coming over the desert from the south catch up the dust like a 100,000 horse power dust devil and sweep down at a great pace. Everything is covered, even inside a house with closed windows, with a thick coat of red dust. One has to light candles while the storms last, and outside it is impossible to see more than a few yards. However they do not last very long and generally mean a space of cooler weather for a day after. The heat was not so bad as the thermometer readings would make one believe, there being none of the dampness that makes 108 degrees in the shade so trying.

The second period began about the end of July, when it started to rain, and each time it rained the oldest inhabitant said that it had never done like that before. Still it rained on and off for six weeks, not continuously, but it fell with vigour and determination while it was about it.

The whole of the town of Khartoum being on the same level there was no fall to carry the water off, so it had to be drained off by deep ditches. The lowest place



in Barracks was the centre of the Barrack Square. Eventually, after many hours work, a trench was dug out to the Nile which just drained the square. No sooner was the main trench finished than the rising Nile came up and ran flush with the outlet. Luckily it was the lowest Nile for twenty years so the Barracks were drained instead of being flooded out.

In spite of the dust and the rain the health of the Battalion was very good indeed, and the percentage of sick extremely small. The falling Nile unfortunately brought a few more cases into Hospital, as it always does in Egypt and the Soudan.

The railway being washed away between Abou Hammed and Khartoum, the supplies for Khartoum were very much behindhand, and—awful to relate—the beer on one occasion did not come up in time, so that for three days Khartoum was beerless.

On the 13th October the first party left Khartoum for Cairo. Passing the Dublin Fusiliers at Halfa and Shellal, they arrived in Cairo on 20th October, followed by the three other parties on the 25th and 30th October, and 4th November, the Alexandria detachment coming in on the 28th October. The Battalion was thus once again united in Cairo.

November in Cairo soon makes one forget the heat and dust of the Sudan, and the problem of settling nearly 1,000 men into barracks, which had formerly been used by only 600, gave no one much time to think of other things. The draft from the 4th Battalion came in on the 16th December, and soon settled in.

Football was started, and the Inter-Company League is in full swing. One or two friendly matches have been played to find the Battalion's best team. The Officers soon collected some ponies, and started polo again under more favourable conditions than in either Khartoum or Alexandria.

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## ON DETACHMENT AT ALEXANDRIA.

BY C. F. H.

I HAVE been asked to write a short account of the doings of the Alexandria Detachment while the rest of the Battalion were up at Khartoum,—not a very easy subject, as the best friend of Alexandria would hardly call it exciting. The Detachment, which the whole time roughly numbered about 400, consisted of F and H Companies, under the command of Major C. L. E. Robertson-Eustace, D.S.O., moved down from Cairo on October 5th, 1906. At first the Detachment mainly consisted of time-expired men and Riflemen who were under age for Khartoum, but in the course of the trooping season the old soldiers were exchanged for two drafts from the Home Battalions. We reached Ras-El-Tin, about mid-day, and our first feelings when we saw the spot where we were to spend close on thirteen months were hardly enthusiastic. Our camp was situated on a promontory at the back of the Khedive's Palace, having the harbour on one side and the open sea on the other; the only buildings on the promontory being the Khedivial Yacht Club, the Military Hospital, some Coast Guard Barracks, and a lighthouse. The ground allotted to us consisted of a small, dusty track of ground, which appeared to be only large enough to contain about half our numbers, but by joining the E.P. tents up together, we eventually got sufficient tents pitched, though there was no ground to spare, and we were never able to move tents about to air the ground. The Barracks the 3rd Battalion occupied in 1882 used to stand on the very ground we pitched our tents on, and an old Maltese, who cooked for our Mess when we first arrived, told us that he had occupied the same position to the 3rd Battalion when they were living at Ras-El-Tin; we did not find that a sufficient reason for keeping him though, as whatever he may have been in his younger days, he was no "flier" in his old age. Ras-El-Tin has many disadvantages as a place to

reside in, as in order to get away from it, you have to pass right through the slums of Alexandria, and there is no open ground within miles. We also had no parade ground, but luckily we were able to get the use of the Egyptian Army ground occasionally, both for work and for the men to play football on. Its strong points were that it was healthy, in spite of our being sometimes flooded out, and being right on the sea there was plenty of bathing. During the year we had two deaths, losing No. 5867 Rifleman B. Chinery of dysentery, and No. 6080 Bugler H. Smith, of blood poisoning, and we also felt that we had lost one of ourselves when Mr. Gibbs, our canteen manager, died suddenly, and it will be a long time before he is forgotten, as he had spent most of his time with the Battalion, since he ceased to be Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Battalion.

In February the Detachment sent up a small party to compete in the Cairo Rifle Meeting, where they were most successful, though naturally they could not be expected to sweep the board like the Battalion had the year before. The following were some of the principal successes :—

G. O. C. Inter-Regimental Cup.—1st Prize. Team—Col.-Sergt. Wyatt, Sergt. Evans, Sergt. Ashby, L.-Corpl. Hopkinson, Sergt. Cresswell, Sergt. Floater, Riflemen Gardner and Dyke.

Coldstream Guards' Tile Competition.—1st Prize, H Company. Team—Sergt. Thompson, L.-Corpl. Barlow, Riflemen Gardner, Pinnell and Sharman.

K. O. S. B.'s Competition (A. R. A. Inter-Company Shield).—1st Prize, H Company. Team—Sergt. Ashby, L.-Corpl. Owens, L.-Corpl. Barlow, Riflemen Smeltzer, Pinnell, Kay, Gardner, and Sharman.

R. H. A. Tile Competition.—2nd Prize, H Company.

Sergeants' Inter-Regimental Match.—2nd Prize.

500 Yards Rapid Firing Competition.—1st Prize, Rifleman Pinnell, H Company ; 2nd Prize, L.-Corpl. Johnston, H Company.

600 Yards Rapid Firing Competition.—1st Prize, L.-Corpl. Hopkinson, F Company ; 2nd Prize, Rifleman Lewis, F Company.

In the thirty who qualified to shoot for the Cairo Championship we had five, namely :—Colour-Sergeant

Wyatt, Sergeant Cresswell, Lance-Corporal Owens, Rifleman Gardner, Lance-Corporal Barlow.

Our stay at Ras-El-Tin was broken during May, June, and July, when the Detachment was fated to make the acquaintance of a singularly unpleasant camp, this was Mex, where a party, under Lieut. Seymour, proceeded first of all to fire their Recruits' Course, and was followed shortly by the whole Detachment for musketry and company training. Mex Camp, which is a few miles out of Alexandria, is situated between a salt lake and a range of hills, which are a mass of quarries and lime-kilns, the smoke from which generally blows right through the middle of the camp. Another disadvantage to the place is that it is very over-populated, and the lively inhabitants that we found there, when we arrived, evinced a liking for us that we hardly reciprocated, and it was with no regret that we turned our backs on Mex to return to Ras-El-Tin.

From an Officer's point of view Alexandria has not many attractions to offer in the way of sport or games, as although there was polo, it was only twice a week, and there was such a shortage of players that very often it was difficult to raise eight players, matches and tournaments being out of the question. The golf course was hardly worthy of the name, as it consisted in hitting backwards and forwards over the polo ground, and none of the Officers at Alexandria being cricketers, tennis was the only game left to fall back on. Snipe shooting was a great stand-by during the winter, and generally some Officers went out every week-end after snipe, although about 1,200 snipe and a certain number of duck were killed.

Considering how they were handicapped in the way of ground, the men succeeded in doing a lot in the games' line. Sports were held in April, and although the ground was so rough that good performances were out of the question, there were some excellent finishes.

The following were the winners of the different events :—

100 Yards.—Rifleman Fitzgerald, F Company.  
 Quarter-Mile.—Rifleman Fitzgerald, F Company.  
 Half-Mile.—Rifleman Martin, H Company.  
 One Mile.—Rifleman Brooke, F Company.  
 Long Jump.—Rifleman O'Connor, H Company.  
 High Jump.—Corpl. O'Callaghan, F Company.  
 Quarter-Mile (open to Garrison).—Corpl. Evans, R. D. Fusiliers.  
 Inter-Section Tug-of-War.—No 2 Section, H Company.  
 Inter-Company Bayonet Fighting, H Company.

In October, Aquatic Sports were held with the following results :—

120 Yards.—Rifleman Wagstaffe, H Company.  
 Quarter-Mile.—Rifleman Newton, H Company.  
 One Mile.—Rifleman Ross, H Company.  
 Diving.—Rifleman Newton, H Company.  
 Open Quarter-Mile (to Garrison).—Rifleman Newton.  
 Inter-Section Relay Race.—No. 4 Section, H Company.  
 Inter-Section Water Polo.—No. 3 Section, H Company.  
 Pillow Fighting.—Rifleman Fitzgerald, F Company.

Cricket most of the time was non-existent, owing to our having no ground except when at Mex, but the three matches played were all won.

H.M.S. *Diana* were met at Mex, and we won easily, making 134 to our opponents' 35, Rifleman Vincent (36) and Sergeant Spencer (34) being the principal scorers for us, while Lance-Corporal Johnson took six wickets and did the "hat trick," Sergeant Spencer obtaining the remainder.

The second match the Detachment played was against a Staff and Departmental Team, and by making 110 against our opponents' 22, we won easily. Rifleman Vincent and Dyke (26 each), and Colour-Sergeant Harrington (24) making most of the runs, while Sergeant Spencer and Lce.-Corporal Johnson divided the wickets.

The remaining match was again a team from the Alexandria Cricket Club, which we won by 12 runs; Colour-Sergeant Harrington and Sergeant Spencer (56 each) were the top scorers for us, while the latter and Lance-Corporal Johnson again divided the wickets.

The following was the result of the Boxing Competition held in May :—

Final Feather Weights.—Rifleman Turner, H Company, beat Rifleman Hogan, F Company.

Final Light Weights.—Rifleman Edwards, H Company, beat Rifleman Attew, F Company.

Final Middle Weights.—Sergt. Corban, H Company, beat Rifleman Fenwick, F Company.

A lot of football was played, and several promising players were unearthed in the two Sectional Competitions which were played during the year. The first competition, which was on the "knock-out" system, was won by No. 3 Section, H Company, and the second, which was played in two Leagues, each Section having to produce two teams, was won by No. 4 Section, H Company. In the latter competition about 180 men of the Detachment took part.

Altogether the Detachment played seventeen matches against various teams, mostly civilian, winning eleven, losing five, and drawing one.

This practically exhausts all the sport the Detachment was able to take part in, and also finishes what I am afraid is a very dull recital of the doings of the Alexandria Detachment, who moved up on October 28th to join Headquarters in Cairo.

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1ST BATTALION K.R.R.—WARRANT OFFICERS.

Sergeant-Major—J. L. Kemp.      Bandmaster—T. Brown.

STAFF-SERGEANTS.

Quarter-Master-Sergeant	-	-	-	J. P. O'Rafferty.
Orderly-Room-Sergeant	-	-	-	Col.-Sgt. P. W. Newton.
Sergeant-Instructor-of-Musketry	-	-	-	J. Thompson.
Sergeant-Bugler	-	-	-	J. Richards.
Sergeant-Master-Cook	-	-	-	W. Bingham.
Pioneer-Sergeant	-	-	-	W. Boss (Acting).
Band-Sergeant	-	-	-	F. Tyler.
Orderly-Room-Clerk	-	-	-	Sergt. G. Knaggs.
Officers'-Mess-Sergeant	-	-	-	L.-Sergt. C. O'Leary.
Sergeant-Master-Tailor	-	-	-	J. Jones.
Armourer-Sergeant	-	-	-	F. W. Hunt.

#### COLOR-SERGEANTS.

A Company	-	-	-	-	-	H. Tyler.
B       "	-	-	-	-	-	H. Moulsher.
C       "	-	-	-	-	-	H. Ashby (Acting).
D       "	-	-	-	-	-	A. Armstrong.
E       "	-	-	-	-	-	J. T. Mitchell (Acting).
F       "	-	-	-	-	-	A. G. Harrington.
G       "	-	-	-	-	-	W. Underhill.
H       "	-	-	-	-	-	G. Wyatt.

#### GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

In possession of 1 Badge	-	-	-	-	-	317
"       "       " 2 Badges	-	-	-	-	-	285
"       "       " 3       "	-	-	-	-	-	4

#### GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

Sergeant-Major J. L. Kemp.

Bandmaster T. Brown.

Quarter-Master-Sergeant J. P. O'Rafferty.

#### WAR MEDALS.

In possession of 1 Medal	-	-	-	-	-	85
"       "       " 2 Medals	-	-	-	-	-	72
"       "       " 3       "	-	-	-	-	-	20
"       "       " 4       "	-	-	-	-	-	4

### CERTIFICATES.

TRANSPORT.--10 N.C.O.'s and Riflemen.

TELEGRAPHY.—Nil.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

First Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Second Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	221
Third Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	343

ARMY SIGNALLING.—5 Officers and 2 N.C.O.'s.

GYMNASTICS.—1 Officer and 3 N.C.O.'s.

#### OTHER CERTIFICATES.

Stretcher Drill and First Aid	-	-	-	-	-	36
Field Works	-	-	-	-	-	1
Chiropody	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cooking	-	-	-	-	-	2

Military Topography (Officers) -	-	-	-	-	-	2
Military Engineering -	-	-	-	-	-	2
Musketry (Officers) -	-	-	-	-	-	16
" (N.C.O.'s) -	-	-	-	-	-	12
Swimming -	-	-	-	-	-	339

#### MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION.

Number Exercised -	-	-	-	-	-	816
Marksmen -	-	-	-	-	-	226
First Class -	-	-	-	-	-	372
Second Class -	-	-	-	-	-	206
Third Class -	-	-	-	-	-	12

Best Shooting Company :—A Company—Average, 204.  
Battalion Average—196'4.

#### RIFLE MEETING.

*Khartoum, January, 1907.—Prize Winners.*

##### No. 1 Competition.

Marksmen -	-	-	Sergt. Hale, E Company -	-	1st Prize
" -	-	-	Rfn. Ward, D Company	}	2nd "
" -	-	-	L.-Corpl. McNab, C Company		
1st Class Shots -	-	-	Rfn. Stead, G Company -	-	1st "
" " -	-	-	" G. Brown, B Company -	-	2nd "
" " -	-	-	" Patterson, A Company -	-	3rd "
2nd and 3rd Class Shots	-	-	" Platt, A Company -	-	1st "
" " " -	-	-	" Williams, E Company -	-	2nd "
" " " -	-	-	" T. Smith, G Company -	-	3rd "

##### No. 2 Competition.

Marksmen -	-	-	Sergt. Green, E Company	}	1st "
" -	-	-	Rfn. Turnbull, G Company		
" -	-	-	Sergt. Thompson, G Company		
1st Class Shots -	-	-	Rfn. Gale, C Company -	}	1st "
" " -	-	-	" Cannon, C Company -		
" " -	-	-	" Pearson, A Company -	-	3rd "
2nd and 3rd Class Shots	-	-	" Foley, E Company -	-	1st "
" " " -	-	-	" Pengelly, C Company	}	2nd "
" " " -	-	-	Corpl. Alborough, B Company		

##### No. 3 Competition.

Marksmen -	-	-	Rfn. Douglas, A Company -	-	1st "
" -	-	-	L.-Corpl. McNab, C Company	}	2nd "
" -	-	-	Sergt. Moulsher, B Company		



1st Class Shots	-	-	Rfn. Buchanan, G Company	-	1st Prize
"	"	-	" Bowring, G Company	}	2nd "
"	"	-	Corpl. Hopkins, E Company		
2nd and 3rd Class Shots			Rfn. Wingate, C Company	-	1st "
"	"	"	" S. Thompson, B Company	}	2nd "
"	"	"	" Bell, B Company		

## No. 4 Competition.

Marksmen	-	-	-	26 Scores of 15.	
1st Class Shots	-	-	-	9 Scores of 15.	
2nd and 3rd Class Shots				Rfn. Heatley, C Company	}
"	"	"	"	" Wilcock, G Company	

## No. 5 Competition.

Marksmen	-	-	-	Sergt. Tomlinson, B Company	}	1st "
"	-	-	-	Rfn. Neill, E Company		
1st Class Shots	-	-	-	1st.—Rfn. Bainbridge, C Co.	}	1st "
"	"	-	-	2nd.—" H. Smith, G. Co.		
"	"	-	-	L.-Sergt. Powell, E Company		
"	"	-	-	Rfn. Congerton, A Company		
2nd and 3rd Class Shots				5 Scores of 9.		

## No. 6 Competition (aggregate).

Marksmen	-	-	-	L.-Corpl. McNab, C Company	-	1st "
"	-	-	-	Sergt. Moulsher, B Company	-	2nd "
"	-	-	-	" Jarvis, A Company	-	3rd "
1st Class Shots	-	-	-	Rfn. Buchanan, G Company	-	1st "
"	"	-	-	" H. Smith, G Company	-	2nd "
"	"	-	-	" Corser, B Company	-	3rd "
2nd and 3rd Class Shots				" Pengelly, C Company	-	1st "
"	"	"	-	" Curran, C Company	-	2nd "
"	"	"	-	" Wilcock, G Company	-	3rd "

## No. 7 Competition.

-	-	-	-	-	Corpl. O'Leary, E Company	-	1st "
-	-	-	-	-	Sergt. Boss, B Company	-	2nd "
-	-	-	-	-	Corpl. Hopkins, E Company	-	3rd "

## No. 8 Competition.

-	-	-	-	-	Rfn. J. Baker, E Company	-	1st "
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## No. 12 Competition.

Tiles	-	-	-	-	No. 4 Section, B Company	-	1st "
"	-	-	-	-	" 4 " D "	-	2nd "
"	-	-	-	-	" 4 " A "	}	3rd "
"	-	-	-	-	" 3 " G "		

## No. 13 Competition.

Rapid Fire	-	-	-	-	A Company Team	-	1st "
"	"	-	-	-	G " " "	-	2nd "

No. 14 Competition.

Egyptian Army	-	-	1st Batt. Egyptian Army Team	1st Prize
"	"	-	8th " " " "	2nd "
"	"	-	5th Squad. " " "	3rd "

No. 15 Competition.

Attack	-	-	E Company Team	-	-	1st	"
"	-	-	G " "	-	-	2nd	"

No. 16 Competition.

Match	-	-	Sergts. Mess, 1st Batt. K.R.R.	-	Winners.
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No. 17 Competition.

200 Yards	-	-	Lieut. A. P. Evans	-	-	1st Prize
500 "	-	-	Lieut. R. F. Dalrymple	}	-	1st "
			Capt. Johnson, D.S.O.			

## REGIMENTAL RECORDS.

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### **2nd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps.**

*From 1st January to 31st December, 1907.*

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7th December, 1906.—A draft of 110 N.C.O.'s and Riflemen from 3rd, and one of twenty-five from the 4th Battalion, arrived at Bareilly.

5th January, 1907.—The Battalion, 824 strong all ranks, left Bareilly, and arrived at Agra on the 6th to take part in concentration at that place in honour of H.M. Habibullah, Amir of Afghanistan.

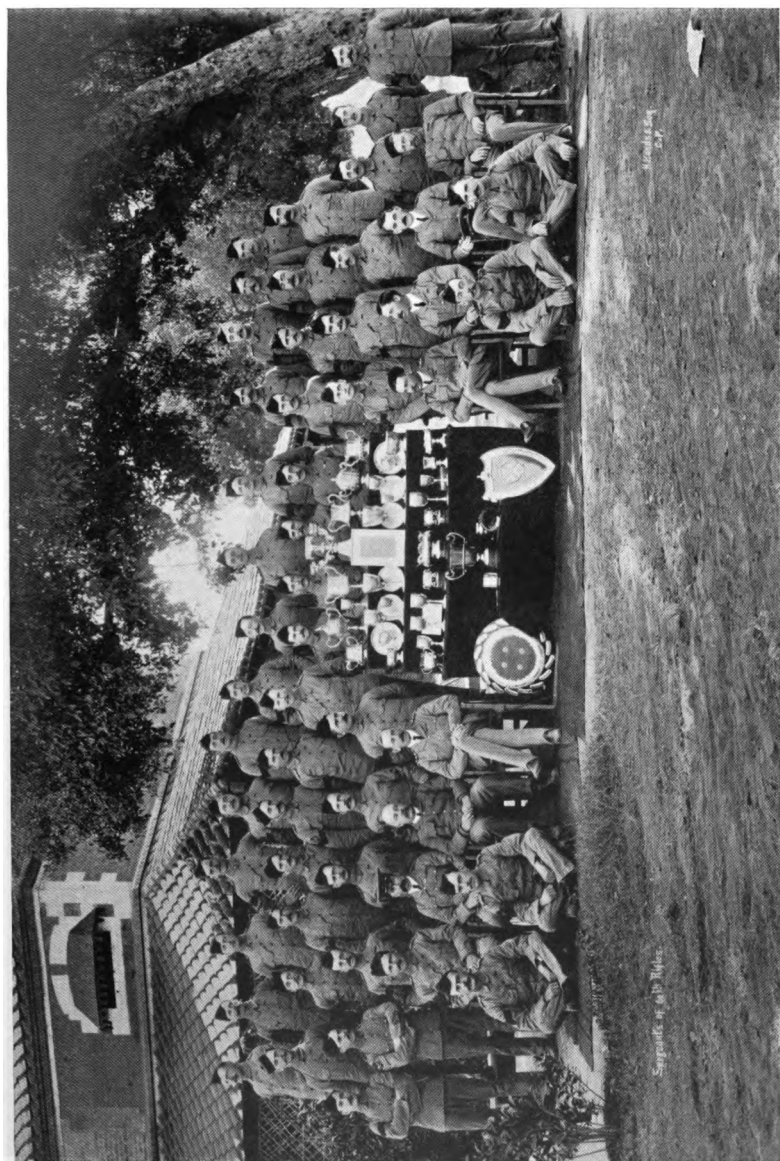
18th January.—The Battalion entrained at Agra, and arrived at Jubbulpore and Saugor during the night of 19th and 20th, where it relieved 1st Battalion South Lancashire Regiment.

2nd February.—A draft of eighty-six Riflemen from 3rd, and one of seventy-three N.C.O.'s and Riflemen from 4th Battalion, arrived at Jubbulpore.

8th February.—The Left Half Battalion, under command of Major C. S. Chaplin, marched out from Jubbulpore to take part in the Jubbulpore Brigade manœuvres. Strength :—420 N.C.O.'s and Riflemen, and returned to Jubbulpore on the 24th. B and D Companies, under command of Captain A. E. Cathcart, formed part of the opposing force from Saugor.

12th February.—2nd Lieutenant J. E. P. Butler posted to the Battalion.

15th February.—No. 9080 Lance-Sergt. E. Saunders was awarded the Royal Humane Society Medal for saving No. 907 Sergeant T. Cooling (2nd K.R.R.) from drowning in the river Kosi, at Khairna, on 2nd



SERGEANTS, 2ND BATTALION.



November, 1906, when the Battalion was on the march down to Kathgodam, *en route* to Bareilly.

20th March.—A party consisting of forty-two N.C.O.'s and Riflemen, two women, and eight children, moved up to Pachmarhi, under command of Captain Cathcart to form a Hill Depôt at that place.

During the Trooping Season, 1906-7, the following were sent home to England for discharge, transfer to Army Reserve, etc., embarking at Bombay: 2 W.O.'s, 27 N.C.O.'s, and 269 Riflemen.

26th March.—2nd Lieutenant R. H. Willan promoted Lieutenant.

27th March.—2nd Lieutenant R. H. Bond promoted Lieutenant.

11th May.—2nd Lieutenant C. K. Howard-Bury proceeded to Almora with a party of forty scouts for training with the 3rd Gurkha Rifles.

14th May.—Captain R. E. Crichton posted to the Battalion on absorption.

23rd August.—2nd Lieutenant M. F. Blake appointed Acting Paymaster.

25th August.—Lieutenant G. Cookson died of plague at Jubbulpore, deeply regretted by all ranks.

The M.L.E. Short Rifle was taken into use during August and September, and bandolier equipment was issued at the same time. Rifle regiments were, however, permitted to retain black waist belts, frogs, and scabbards, and one pouch, for guards and walking out.

1st October.—For Field Service Marching Order, "shorts" and "half hose" were instituted, and "shorts" are now worn in Drill Order also.

12th October.—A draft consisting of fifty Riflemen arrived at Jubbulpore from 4th Battalion, under command of 2nd Lieutenant J. F. P. Butler.

4th December.—B and D Companies, strength 143 N.C.O.'s and Riflemen, rejoined from detachment duty at Saugor.

6th December.—Information received that Lieut-Colonel Sir F. B. M. Henniker, Bart., posted to 2nd Battalion on promotion.

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2ND BATTALION K.R.R.—WARRANT OFFICERS.

Sergeant-Major—T. Maple. Bandmaster—W. J. Dunn.

STAFF SERGEANTS.

Quarter-Master-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	T. Addyman.
Orderly-Room-Sergeant (Q.-M.-S.)	-	-	-	-	G. Potier.
Sergeant-Bugler	-	-	-	-	H. Deane.
Sergeant-Master-Cook	-	-	-	-	T. Horlock.
Pioneer-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	J. Bass.
Band-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	M. Tryhorn.
Orderly-Room-Clerk (Sergeant)	-	-	-	-	W. H. Heath.
Officers'-Mess-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	H. Foster.
Armourer-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	D. Hepburn.

COLOR-SERGEANTS.

A Company	-	-	-	-	-	G. Clarke.
B	"	-	-	-	-	G. Wilson.
C	"	-	-	-	-	E. Scutt.
D	"	-	-	-	-	A. Hoare.
E	"	-	-	-	-	A. Hindelang.
F	"	-	-	-	-	R. Axford.
G	"	-	-	-	-	F. Mc Lachlan.
H	"	-	-	-	-	H. Bird.

GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

No. of Riflemen in possession of 1 badge	-	-	-	303
" " " 2 badges	-	-	-	300
" " " 3 "	-	-	-	15
" " " 4 "	-	-	-	3

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GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.—1.

WAR MEDALS.

Officers in possession of 1	-	-	-	-	-	12
" " 2	-	-	-	-	-	4
" " 3	-	-	-	-	-	1
W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Riflemen in possession of 1	-	-	-	-	-	288
" " " "	2	-	-	-	-	38
" " " "	3	-	-	-	-	1

DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDALS.—2.

ROYAL HUMANE SOCIETY MEDAL.—1.



SERGEANTS' MESS PLATE.—2ND BATTALION.





## CERTIFICATES.

### MUSKETRY.

Officers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
N.C.O.'s	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16

### EDUCATIONAL.

1st Class Certificates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Group I, 1st Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
2nd Class Certificates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	281
3rd Class Certificates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	484

### MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION.

Marksmen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	252
1st Class Shots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	330
2nd Class Shots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183
3rd Class Shots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

Total exercised to date	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	768
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## Shooting.

VERY little big game shooting was done this year, partly owing to the fact that the Battalion reached Jubbulpore too late to secure the best jungles round the station.

Makins and R. H. Willan went down to Mysore after the rains, the former getting a bison, the latter fever.

Temple and Upton went up to Kashmir, and had very fair sport, but did not obtain any remarkable heads, except Temple's tahr.

The small game shooting round Bareilly was not so good as in the previous year. The bag on the Sandi Jheel at Hardoi, where 637 head were shot the season before, did not reach three figures this season, when we had a combined shoot with the Scots Fusiliers. Most of the small game on the accompanying list was shot before the Battalion left Bareilly.

The shooting round Jubbulpore is not good, and the tanks in the neighbourhood have been shot out. The bag since last November is as follows:—

Duck	...	...	917	Nilgai	...	...	1
Teal	...	...	549	Khakar	...	...	1
Geese	...	...	6	Ghoral	...	...	3
Snipe	...	...	932	Ibex	...	...	7
Quail	...	...	97	Gond	...	...	2
Peafowl	...	...	9	Leopard	...	...	1
Partridges	...	...	68	Chital	...	...	3
Hares	...	...	22	Sambur	...	...	1
Jungle Fowl	...	...	5	Tiger	...	...	1
Red Bear	...	...	4	Black Buck	...	...	22
Black Bear	...	...	9	Burhal	...	...	10
Tahr	...	...	10				

### **Visit of H.M. the Amir of Afghanistan.**

ON the night of the 5th January, 1907, the Battalion, 824 strong all ranks, entrained at Bareilly and arrived the following morning at Agra, to take part in the concentration held there in honour of H.M. Habibullah, Amir of Afghanistan.

We were brigaded with the 2nd Rifle Brigade, 1st Scottish Rifles, 1st Royal Irish Rifles, and together formed the 19th Infantry Brigade of the 7th Infantry Division of Rifles.

The Brigade was commanded by Major-General J. Spens, C.B.

Captain Cathcart's (C) Company formed a permanent guard over the Commander-in-Chief's (Lord Kitchener of Khartoum's) Camp during the concentration. 2nd Lieut. C. K. Howard Bury and 2nd Lieut. Hon. E. Upton were attached to this Company.

On January 8th Captain Widdrington's (G) Company, with Lieut. R. D. Temple and 2nd Lieut. C. F.



THE AMIR.



SOME OF THE AMIR'S BODY GUARD, WEARING THEIR ASTRAKHAN CAPS.



Lee, formed a guard of honour at Agra for the station, on the arrival of His Excellency Lord Minto, Viceroy of India. The remainder of the Battalion (400 Rifles), under the command of Colonel W. S. Kays, lined the street from the station. On the following day the Battalion again lined the street from the station on the arrival of H.M. the Amir.

The 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade formed a guard of honour inside the station. Outside were drawn up : one Battery R.H.A., 17th Lancers, H.E. the Viceroy's Body Guard, the Imperial Cadet Corps, and some mounted troops of the Amir's Army, the latter clad in a drab-coloured cloth, on their small shaggy Afghan ponies, were a great contrast to the other troops assembled, for instance the Imperial Cadet Corps in their gorgeous uniform of pale blue and silver, with their snow leopard skin saddle cloths, and black chargers.

To this gay scene the towering red sandstone walls of the Fort made a fitting background. Next evening, on the 10th January, the band was suddenly warned to play at the Amir's camp at eight o'clock.

It was already 6.30 p.m., and no little confusion arose. Men on bicycles, men in tongas and ekkas, were sent hurrying off to neighbouring regiments in search of the bandsmen, who were eventually got together, dressed, and started off.

From here on I cannot do better than give Mr. Dunn's, the bandmaster's, account of what happened :—

“On arrival at the Amir's camp, I was at once conducted to see His Majesty, who expressed himself delighted at the kindness of the officers of the regiment in allowing the band to come and play for him.

“The programme was then commenced, and the several items were put forth in rapid succession. At the conclusion of dinner, His Majesty came out to see the band, complimenting them on their smart appearance and performance.

“ At this point I was asked by the Amir to play his National Anthem. Fortunately I had taken the precaution to borrow a set of parts from another regiment, thinking we might have to play it. The Anthem was now played, and to my horror I was told by His Majesty that the whole thing was entirely wrong, further adding that he would not tolerate such a desecration of his National melody.

“ After a time I was able to assure His Majesty that I was not in a position to judge whether such was the case or not, as I had never had the pleasure of hearing the Anthem played.

“ Notwithstanding the fact that the hour was fast approaching mid-night, the Amir ordered his own band to appear and play the Anthem for me. Well, to curtail all that happened, the Afghan band played, and at once I recognised the reason for His Majesty's indignation, for indeed, the whole thing was entirely incorrect, the mistake being that the melody as played by me, was harmonized, whilst the whole of the Afghan band played in unison, and I was assured it had been so played for hundreds of years.

“ The Amir then asked if I could write the work correctly, and on assuring him I could, he handed me his fountain pen, and in a few minutes the Anthem was completed. To prove that it was correct I played it over, and then had it again played over by several of the band.

“ To my surprise the Amir now expressed a wish to be allowed to personally conduct the band: the band now played under His Majesty's baton. At the conclusion of the work I was informed that the Anthem was perfectly correct, and that it should be hereafter recognised as the Official Anthem of Afghanistan.

“ The Amir then ordered the band to appear before him on the morrow and play the Anthem, which order was complied with, His Majesty coming to the door of his tent and remaining at the salute whilst the Anthem was being played.

“ He again expressed his gratitude at the success of the band of the 2nd 60th.

“ A few days afterwards the band President received a small bag containing fifty sovereigns, forwarded from H.M. the Amir.

“ One day while we were at Agra the Amir, accompanied by Lord Kitchener, came round to have a look at the various camps. All sorts of by-shows were prepared for him : such as a military balloon, in which he wished very much to make an ascent, but this was not allowed. Boxing, football, hockey were all in progress for him when he passed our Brigade. The remainder of the Brigade was on parade in line, and as he passed along we got a closer view of him and his body guard than we had had before.

“ He is not a good figure on a horse by any means, being short and decidedly stout, with very short legs.

“ The Amir and his body guard were dressed in a sort of khaki, and most of them were wearing extraordinary topis with flat tops, looking like inverted saucepans with brims.

“ Most of them carried two Mauser pistols, and all had one. Their equipment looked new, they were covered with all sorts of ammunition, and were armed with swords.

“ After leaving us the Amir was photographed with Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, whose guests, together with all Commanding Officers he had met the previous evening at dinner.

“ He is greatly interested in photography, and it is said that he took back a large quantity of photographic appliances across the border.

“ Before the above mentioned dinner, Colonel Kays was presented and, as usual, shook hands with his left hand. The Amir at once enquired the cause. On it being explained to the Amir that the Colonel's hand was shattered in South Africa by an explosive bullet, he exclaimed, ‘ Me know, Dum Dum ! ’



“Wandering about one evening near the Amir’s camp, I came on His Majesty’s band at practice. It was a decidedly original performance; there was no music, and therefore no stands, and the conductor stood facing the band, who formed a semi-circle round him. He himself played a cornet, with which he conducted, playing hard the whole time; he kept time by stamping with his right foot. He seemed to find some difficulty in reaching a high note, and in his attempts, threw back his head like a dog baying the moon. This means of conducting seemed to answer all right with this semi-barbaric music, but I don’t recommend the authorities at Kneller Hall to take it up.”

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COLONEL C. R. R. MC GRIGOR, C.B.

## REGIMENTAL RECORDS.

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### **3rd Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps.**

*From 1st January to 31st December, 1907.*

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January, 1907.—The G.O.C.-in-Chief, Aldershot Command, made the following observation on the Annual Inspection Report of the Battalion, 1906 :—" A satisfactory report."

12th February.—A draft consisting of 135 N.C.O.'s and Riflemen embarked per s.s. *Sicilian* for passage to Egypt to join 1st Batt. King's Royal Rifles.

12th February.—The new pattern peaked cap was taken into wear by N.C.O.'s and Riflemen of the Battalion. The wearing of the round cap by sergeants, bandsmen, and buglers, ceased from this date.

12th March.—Twenty-three N.C.O.'s and Riflemen joined the Battalion, per s.s. *Sicilian*, from 1st Batt. King's Royal Rifles.

1st April.—Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct awarded to No. 4317 Band Sergeant W. J. Austin.

2nd April.—Mounted Infantry Section : one captain, one subaltern, and thirty-five N.C.O.'s and Riflemen rejoined Headquarters from Longmoor on completion of training.

1st May.—Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Williams, K.C.B., Commandant of the Battalion, died at Plymouth this morning (1st May).

10th May.—The following remarks on the Battalion Annual Musketry Return for 1906 were published for information :—G.O.C., 4th Brigade : " All have taken keen interest in this work, and the results are, I think, satisfactory." G.O.C., 2nd Division : " The shooting

of this Battalion is good." G.O.C.-in-Chief, Aldershot Command: "I concur."

28th May.—The Battalion Water Polo Team played an exhibition game before His Majesty the King on the occasion of his visit to Aldershot. His Majesty expressed himself as very pleased with the exhibition.

11th June.—Colonel and Hon. Major-General Sir Cromer Ashburnham, K.C.B., was gazetted to be Colonel Commandant, *vice* Major-General and Hon. Lieutenant-General Sir H. F. Williams, K.C.B., deceased. Dated 2nd May, 1907.

15th June.—A party consisting of one officer, twenty N.C.O.'s and Riflemen of the Battalion represented the Regiment at the unveiling of the statue of the late Field Marshal His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, Colonel in Chief, by His Majesty the King.

1st July.—Battalion placed under orders to embark for service in Crete on or about 13th February, 1908.

5th July.—Draft of forty-nine recruits joined Battalion from 7th Batt. King's Royal Rifles, then stationed at Tidworth.

15th to 20th July.—Battalion encamped at Longmoor for Brigade Training.

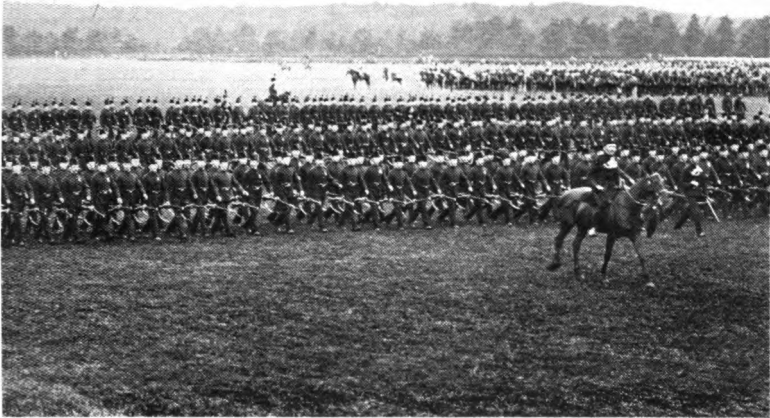
25th July.—G.O.C., 6th Brigade, made his Annual Inspection of the Battalion.

13th to 22nd September.—Battalion took part in the Aldershot Command manœuvres, South Buckinghamshire.

October.—4662 Colour-Sergeant R. Stevens awarded medal for Long Service and Good Conduct, with gratuity.

The Battalion got great praise for the steady way in which they marched past H.M. the King at the Royal Review.

Lady Williams presented a silver vase and photo of the late General to the officers' mess, and a silver tankard and photo to the sergeants' mess.



3RD BATT. MARCHING PAST BEFORE H.M. THE KING AND KING OF DENMARK.



3RD BATTN. MARCHING PAST BEFORE H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.  
The late GENERAL WILLIAMS standing just behind H. R. H.



3RD BATTALION K.R.R.—WARRANT OFFICERS.

Sergeant-Major—A. C. Watkins. Bandinaster—J. Slattery.

STAFF SERGEANTS.

Quarter-Master-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	W. Humphries.
Orderly-Room-Sergeant (Color-Sergeant)	-				J. E. Saunders.
Color-Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry	-				A. Warner.
Sergeant-Bugler	-	-	-	-	E. France.
Pioneer-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	W. Addison.
Band-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	J. Shirley.
Orderly-Room-Clerk (Sergeant)	-				H. Wilson.
Officers' Mess-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	C. Ramsey.
Sergeant-Master-Tailor	-	-	-	-	T. Cawley.
Sergeant-Master-Shoemaker	-	-	-	-	W. Byrne.
Armourer-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	W. G. Purches.

COLOR-SERGEANTS.

A Company	-	-	-	-	-	W. Pay.
B	"	-	-	-	-	E. Wenham.
C	"	-	-	-	-	J. Johnson.
D	"	-	-	-	-	C. Rothery.
E	"	-	-	-	-	W. H. Marston.
F	"	-	-	-	-	R. Stevens.
G	"	-	-	-	-	A. Harrington.
H	"	-	-	-	-	G. Silke.

GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

Sgt.-Major A. C. Watkins.	Sergt. C. Caulfield.
Q.-M.-S. W. Humphries.	L.-Sergt. W. Marlow.
Col.-Sergt. R. Stevens.	Rifleman C. Lee.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY.

Best Shooting Company—C Company.

Best Shot of Sergeants and Lance-Sergeants—Color-Sergeant R. Stevens.

Best Shot of Corporals and Riflemen—L.-Corporal J. Buchanan.

Best Shot of A Company	-	Rifleman S. Bridge	-	376
" " B	"	Sergeant W. Taylor	-	369
" " C	"	Sergeant A. James	-	354
" " D	"	Rifleman R. Burtenshaw	-	349
" " E	"	Sergeant H. Yates	-	349
" " F	"	Color-Sergt. R. Stevens	-	357
" " G	"	Corporal P. Tyler	-	346
" " H	"	Sergeant T. Shirley	-	348
" " Band	-	Corporal E. McVittie	-	348



## MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION, 1907.

Company	Figure of Merit	Marksmen	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
A	- 215	- 41	- 49	- 2	- 1
B	- 216	- 47	- 30	- 20	- 1
C	- 217	- 43	- 43	- 6	- 0
D	- 201	- 29	- 43	- 27	- 0
E	- 203	- 31	- 42	- 22	- 1
F	- 199	- 21	- 50	- 24	- 1
G	- 204	- 28	- 51	- 22	- 0
H	- 203	- 32	- 48	- 15	- 1
Battalion Figure of Merit					- 207
Total W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and Riflemen exercised					- 771

## ATHLETICS, ETC.

## WATER POLO.

*Sir John French's Challenge Cup.*

1st heat.	—Beat Royal Welsh Fusiliers	-	-	14—2.
2nd „	„ Grenadier Guards	-	-	17—2.
Final	„ B.B. Battery, R.H.A.	-	-	17—0.

Thus winning cup for second year. Team:—L.-Corpl. Woods, Riflemen Prudence, Benson, Gibbs, Allen, T., Allen, R., Joyce.

## ARMY CORPS AQUATIC SPORTS.

100 Yards, *Officers*.—1st, Second Lieut. Franks.

100 Yards, *N.C.O.'s and Men*.—1st, Rifleman Prudence.

440 Yards, *N.C.O.'s and Men*.—1st, Rifleman Prudence.

*Inter-Battalion Team Race*.—1st, 3rd K.R.R. Team:—Prudence, Benson, Allen, T., Allen, R.

Water polo team beat Scots Guards in London by 7 goals to 2, and Queen's Westminster Vols. by 6 goals to 3.

The Battalion won, at the Grenadier Guards Sports, the relay race open to the command. Team:—Corpl. Kirby, L.-Corpl. Woods, L.-Corpl. Mahoney, Rifleman Warren.

## CRICKET.

The cricket cup was not competed for, on account of Brigade training and manœuvres.

## DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The Battalion ran a good second to the Grenadier Guards. No one fell out.

## FOOTBALL.

*Football Inter-Company Cup*.—C beat B by 3 goals to 1. A very well contested game.



FOOTBALL TEAM, 3RD KING'S ROYAL RIFLES  
(Season 1906-7).



WATER POLO TEAM, 3RD KING'S ROYAL RIFLES.



The Battalion team did not enter for any competitions or cups, owing to its imminent departure from Aldershot, but played several friendly matches, with the following results :—

Beat the Buffs -	-	4—0	Scottish Rifles beat K.R.R.	6—2
„ the R.I. Rifles -	-	2—0	K.O.Y.L.I. beat K.R.R.	6—4
„ the Gordons -	-	3—2		

#### RIFLEMEN'S TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

This league is at present flourishing, and has 460 members. The members had a cross country competition (three miles, teams of eight a company), which was won by G Company. The members also had a rifle meeting, which was a great success, nearly 400 members competing. Each draft which left the Battalion were entertained at a tea, followed by a concert.

#### MUSKETRY.

The Challenge Cup for competition between sergeants in the Aldershot command was won by C.S.I.M. Warner.

There were many entries for the Battalion Rifle Meeting, which was held at Caesar's Camp.

The following prizes were won at the Aldershot Command Rifle Meeting by members of the Battalion :—

				£	s	d
Match 4—Defries Cup -	-	-	Sergeants, 7th	-	1	0 0
„ 5—Rapid Firing	-	-	A Company -	-	2	14 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	B „	-	1	16 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	H „	-	1	16 0
„ 6—Detached Post	-	-	A „	-	1	12 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	B „	-	0	18 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	C „	-	1	4 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	E „	-	1	6 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	H „	-	1	4 0
„ 7—Marlborough Cup	-	-	A „	-	1	12 8
„ 8—Rock	-	-	C „	-	1	18 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	E „	-	0	18 0
„ 11—Moving Target	-	-	A „	-	Cup and 3	0 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	D „	-	1	18 0
„ 12—Signaller	-	-	F „	-	1	10 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	E „	-	1	4 0
„ 13—Bowyers	-	-	Sergeants	-	3	4 0
„ 15—Snap Shooting	-	-	F Company -	-	0	18 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	H „	-	0	18 0
„ 17—Sergeants, 200 yards	-	-	Sergt. Russell	-	2	10 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	„ Schofield	-	0	15 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	„ Cull	-	0	10 0
„ 18—Rank & File, 200 yards	-	-	Rfn. Young	-	0	5 0
„ „ „ „	-	-	L.-Corpl. Buchanan	-	0	2 6

			£	s	d
Match 19—Young Soldiers, 200 yds.	Rfn. Beale	-	-	1	0 0
" " " " " "	" Anderson	-	-	1	0 0
" 20—Young Soldiers, 200 yds.	" Buchanan	-	-	0	10 0
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Drewry	-	-	0	7 6
" " " " " "	Rfn. Chappell	-	-	0	5 0
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Wright	-	-	0	2 6
" " " " " "	Rfn. Sands	-	-	0	2 6
" 22—Sergeants, 500 yards	Sergt. Schofield	-	-	0	7 6
" 23—Rank & File, 500 yards	Rfn. Bridge	-	-	0	7 6
" " " " " "	Corpl. Plomer	-	-	0	5 0
" " " " " "	Rfn. Turner	-	-	0	2 6
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Buchanan	-	-	0	2 6
" 24—Young Soldiers, 500 yds.	Rfn. Beale	-	-	1	10 0
" " " " " "	" Anderson	-	-	0	5 0
" 25—Young Soldiers, 500 yds.	" Sands	-	-	1	10 0
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Wright	-	-	0	10 0
" " " " " "	" Hoadley	-	-	0	10 0
" " " " " "	Rfn. Amass	-	-	0	5 0
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Morris	-	-	0	2 6
" 28—Young Soldiers' Cup	4th	-	-	5	0 0
" 29—Officers, 600 yards	-	-	-	3	0 0
" 30—Sergeants, 600 yards	Sergt. Schofield	-	-	0	15 0
" " " " " "	" Holmes	-	-	0	10 0
" " " " " "	C.S.I.M. Warner	-	-	0	5 0
" 31—Rank & File, 600 yards	Corpl. Plomer	-	-	1	0 0
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Hewson	-	-	0	10 0
" " " " " "	" McVittie	-	-	0	7 6
" " " " " "	" Buchanan	-	-	0	7 6
" " " " " "	L.-Sergt. Goodwin	-	-	0	2 6
" 32—Young Soldiers, 600 yds.	Rfn. Beale	-	-	1	0 0
" 33—Young Soldiers, 600 yds.	" Allwood	-	-	0	10 0
" " " " " "	" Creamer	-	-	0	2 6
" " " " " "	" Truman	-	-	0	2 6
" 34—Gold and Silversmiths' Cup	Sergeants, 2nd	-	-	2	0 0
" " Gold and Silversmiths' Cup	Riflemen, 4th	-	-	1	0 0
" 35.—Ash Cup	L.-Corpl. Hewson	-	-	1	0 0
" " " " " "	Sergt. Schofield	-	-	0	7 6
" " " " " "	" Caulfield	-	-	0	7 6
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. McVittie	-	-	0	5 0
" 36—Boys	Boy Vickers	-	-	0	5 0
" 39—All ranks, 800 yards	C.S.I.M. Warner, 34	-	-	2	10 0
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Hewson	-	-	0	3 0
" 39—All ranks, 900 yards	Sergt. Schofield	-	-	1	10 0
" " " " " "	Col.-Sergt. Wenham	-	-	1	0 0
" " " " " "	L.-Corpl. Buchanan	-	-	0	15 0

Match 39.—All ranks, 900 yards -	Lieut. G. M. Atkinson -	£	s	d
" " " " " -	Sergt. Holmes -	0	3	0
" 43—Aldershot Championship, Aggregate 200, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1000 yards -	- - - - -	0	10	0

*Daily Competitions.*

" 50—Normandy Cup -	L.-Corpl. Hewson -	0	16	3
" 52—Fox Hills Cup -	Corpl. Plomer -	0	15	0

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## REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

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The Annual Sports were held on the Sixth Brigade Recreation Ground on 14th August. The following were the winners of the principal events :—

Cricket Ball (best of 3 throws), 101 yds. -	L.-Corpl. Watson.
Quarter-Mile - - - - -	L.-Corpl. Mahoney.
High Jump (5 ft. 1 in.) - - - - -	Capt. Culme Seymour.
Sergeants' Race (Quarter-Mile) - - - - -	Sergt. Bottomly.
Half-Mile - - - - -	L.-Corpl. Woods.
Final 100 Yards - - - - -	Corpl. Burrows.
Hurdle Race (120 Yards) - - - - -	Capt. Culme Seymour.
One Mile - - - - -	L.-Corpl. Woods.
Tug-of-War Final (8 a side and coach) -	B Company.
Young Soldiers' Race (under 12 months' service), One Mile - - - - -	Rifleman Virgin.
Relay Race, Half-Mile (teams of four) -	E Company.
Quarter-Mile (open to Sixth Infantry Brigade only) - - - - -	L.-Corpl. Woods.
Bumping Competition (teams of six from companies) - - - - -	D Company.
Three-Mile Cross-Country Race. Run off 12/7/07. Prize divided amongst team - - - - -	G Company.
Consolation Race - - - - -	Bugler Moore.

The Inter-Company Athletic Shield was won by G Company for the third time ; B Company was a good second.

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## REGIMENTAL RECORDS.

**4th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps.***From 1st January to 31st December, 1907.*

14th January, 1907.—The result of the Annual Inspection of Signallers is as follows :—Figure of Merit, 945. The following remarks of the Commandant, School of Signalling, Aldershot, are published for information :—  
“very satisfactory. A most efficient body of signallers.”

1st February.—The percentage of first class certificates of education during the year ending 1st October, 1906, was 3.48, and the Battalion took the eleventh place in order of merit.

24th February.—The new pattern peaked caps taken into wear.

4th April.—2nd Lieutenant J. F. P. Butler, 2nd Battalion, attached to the Battalion pending embarkation to India next trooping season.

29th April.—The Brigadier General Commanding desired that his appreciation of the way in which the company training of the Left Half Battalion was carried out should be conveyed to all ranks. He considered that the men worked quickly and well in marching order, and showed keenness and intelligence.

27th May.—Telegrams of congratulation were sent to T.R.H. Princess Christian and Princess of Wales, on 25th and 26th, on the occasion of Their Royal Highness' Birthday, and the following were received in reply :—

“Please convey to Officers, N.C.O.'s, and Riflemen, Princess Christian's warm thanks for good wishes.”

“H.R.H. the Princess of Wales desires to convey to all ranks her sincere thanks for kind congratulations.”

4th June.—A telegram of congratulation from all

Pearson Charity  
Football Cup.

Colchester Garrison Rifle Meeting.  
Skirmishing Cup.—Won by B Coy.

Essex County Rifle Meeting.  
Woodcock Challenge Cup.  
Won by C.S.I.M. Smith.



CUPS WON BY 4TH BATTALION AT COLCHESTER, 1907.

Colchester Garrison  
Rifle Meeting.  
Tile Competition.  
Won by E Coy.

Colchester and District  
Football League Cup.

Army Relay Race.  
Won at Aldershot by  
Lieut. Wingfield, Corpl. Orme,  
Corpl. Rowson, and Rfn. Pearsey.

Colchester Garrison  
Intrenching Competition.  
Won by C Company.





ranks was sent yesterday to H.R.H. the Colonel-in-Chief, on the occasion of his birthday, and the following was received in reply :—

“My sincere thanks to all ranks for their kind message of congratulation on my birthday. “GEORGE, *Colonel-in-Chief.*”

8th August.—The Battalion proceeded from Colchester to St. Leonards' Camp, Ringwood, Hants, for brigade and divisional training, also taking part in manœuvres from 31st August to 7th September.

12th September.—The Battalion proceeded from the manœuvre area to London for temporary duty, returning to Colchester, 21st September.

20th September.—A draft of fifty proceeded to join 2nd K.R.R.C. in India.

23rd September.—Captain R. G. Jelf seconded for service on the Staff, 19th September, 1907.

26th September.—2nd Lieutenant J. U. Bigge posted to Battalion, 21st September, 1907.

31st October.—A draft of one sergeant, two corporals, and 137 Riflemen proceeded to join 1st Batt. K.R.R.C. in Egypt.

11th November.—Congratulatory telegrams were sent to His Majesty the King on the anniversary of his birthday, and to Lieutenant-General Sir E. Hutton on his promotion, and the following were received in reply :—  
‘O.C., King's Royal Rifles, Colchester.

“The King sincerely thanks all ranks of the King's Royal Rifles for their loyal congratulations and good wishes on his birthday.

“*Equerry.*”

“O.C., 4th K.R.R. Corps, Colchester.

“I warmly appreciate the prompt and appropriate congratulations of the Battalion of my old Regiment, to whom I owe so much.

EDWARD HUTTON, *Lieut.-General.*”

13th November.—Eight officers, ten sergeants, and 140 rank and file proceeded to London, to line the streets in connection with the visit of Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Germany.

## 4TH BATTALION K.R.R.—WARRANT OFFICERS.

Sergeant-Major—A. Harman. Bandmaster—A. Parkes.

## STAFF SERGEANTS.

Quarter-Master-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	A. J. Saville.
Orderly-Room-Sergeant (Q.-M.-S.)	-	-	-	-	T. J. Jones.
Color-Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry	-	-	-	-	C. Smith.
Sergeant-Bugler	-	-	-	-	E. Bates.
Sergeant-Master-Cook	-	-	-	-	W. Archer.
Pioneer-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	H. Wear.
Band-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	W. J. Symons.
Orderly-Room-Clerk (Sergeant)	-	-	-	-	J. Cam.
Officers'-Mess-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	H. Hopper.
Sergeant-Master-Tailor	-	-	-	-	D. Sawyer.
Armourer-Sergeant	-	-	-	-	W. Cox.

## COLOR-SERGEANTS.

A Company	-	-	-	-	-	H. Paul.
B	"	-	-	-	-	T. Lanceley.
C	"	-	-	-	-	W. Crisp.
D	"	-	-	-	-	A. E. Astrop.
E	"	-	-	-	-	H. Morgan.
F	"	-	-	-	-	R. Parrott.
G	"	-	-	-	-	W. Holmes.
H	"	-	-	-	-	A. Hunt.

## GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

71 Riflemen	-	1 badge.	2 Riflemen	-	4 badges.
96	"	2 badges.	1	"	5 "
9	"	3 "			

## GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

Sergt.-Major A. Harman	Sergt. A. Frostick.
Bandmaster A. Parkes.	Sergt. H. Ayres.
Q.-M.-S. A. J. Saville.	L.-Corpl. S. Jackman.
Sergt. H. Carpenter.	Rifleman C. Richards.
Sergt. R. Angel.	Rifleman J. Nicholson.

## WAR MEDALS.

Egyptian Medal & Star	1	East Africa (Somaliland)	25
Indian Frontier	-	West Africa	-
Chitral	-	Mashonaland	-
South African, Queen's	187	Distinguished Conduct	1
"	"	King's	26

## MUSKETRY CERTIFICATES.—18.

## TRANSPORT CERTIFICATES.—5.





OBSTACLE TEAM, 4TH BATTALION, 1907.

This team gave a gymnastic display before H.R.H. The Princess of Wales, 25th July, 1907.

Names, top row, from left to right :—L.-Cp. Walker, Rfn. Joyce, Baxter, Bugler Rainsforth, Davis, Rfn. Gowas, Yearby, L.-Cp. Lee.  
 Middle Row :—L.-Cp. O'Connor, Thompson, L.-Serge. Bradley, Lieut. and Adjt. F. H. Edwards, Sergt. Madeley, Rfn. Brasen, L.-Cp. Orman.  
 Lying down :—Rfn. Harwood, Kilgariff.

EDUCATIONAL.

First Class -	-	-	18		Second Class -	-	-	154
Third Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	166

ARMY SIGNALLING.—5.

GYMNASTICS.—6.

OTHER CERTIFICATES—*Nil*.

MUSKETRY CLASSIFICATION.

Company	Average	Marksmen	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
A -	203	- 16	- 24	- 7	- 2
B -	192	- 12	- 27	- 19	- 1
C -	194	- 9	- 20	- 16	- 1
D -	201	- 11	- 33	- 8	- 0
E -	204	- 22	- 21	- 18	- 1
F -	193	- 13	- 31	- 20	- 0
G -	196	- 12	- 30	- 14	- 1
H -	201	- 18	- 21	- 15	- 1
Battalion	198	- 113	- 201	- 117	- 7

Company	Best Shot of Company	Part II	Score obtained—		Total
			Part III		
A -	Rfn. Carter -	252	- 78	-	330
B -	L-Corpl. Tansley -	246	- 93	-	339
C -	L.-Sergt. Bonner -	257	- 90	-	347
D -	Sergt. Whitley -	273	- 104	-	377
E -	Rfn. Martin -	270	- 80	-	350
F -	" Clarke -	235	- 70	-	305
G -	" Rapson -	257	- 64	-	321
H -	" Jenkins -	268	- 65	-	333
	C.S.I.M. Smith -	281	- 101	-	382
Battalion	Rfn. Sanders -	274	- 64	-	338

SHOOTING.

The following is a list of prizes won at the Colchester Rifle Meeting, held June 29th, 1907 :—

TEAM PRIZES.

United Service Cup -	-	-	-	Battalion Team -	2nd Prize.
Falling Plate Competition -	-	-	-	E Company	1st "
" "	-	-	-	F "	2nd "
" "	-	-	-	A "	} 5th "
" "	-	-	-	D "	
" "	-	-	-	H "	
Skirmishing -	-	-	-	B "	1st "

(Challenge Cup, value £50).

Moving Target	-	-	-	-	A Company	-	1st Prize.
"	"	-	-	-	D	"	3rd "
Inter-Company Competition	-	-	-	-	D	"	2nd "
"	"	-	-	-	A	"	7th "
Snapshooting	-	-	-	-	A	"	2nd "

## GENERAL ROBB'S ENTRENCHING COMPETITION.

C Company - - 1st Prize.

## INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

Young Soldiers' Aggregate	-	-	Rifleman Easden	1st	"
" " 200 Yards	-	-	Rifleman Easden	1st	"
" " 300 "	-	-	Rifleman Easden	2nd	"
Sixth Division Championship	-	-	Rifleman Easden	4th	"
Army Aggregate	-	-	C.S.I.M. Smith	3rd	"
Warrant Officers and Staff-Sergeants	-	-	C.S.I.M. Smith	3rd	"
Corporals and Privates	-	-	Corpl. Cresswell	4th	"
" " 500 Yards	-	-	L.-Sergt. Scragg	2nd	"
" " 600 "	-	-	Corpl. Machin	2nd	"
Snapshooting	-	-	Rifleman Owen	} 4th	"
"	-	-	L.-Corpl. Paul		
"	-	-	Sergt. Whitley		
Vanishing Target	-	-	C.S.I.M. Smith	2nd	"

## ATHLETICS.

The Battalion took part in the Eastern Command Athletic Meeting, which was held at Colchester on July 26th, and did very well, winning a large share of the prizes for both team and individual events.

Corporal Orme was the most successful in the individual races, passing the post first in three separate events.

The following is a list of first prizes won :—

## TEAM EVENTS.

Obstacle Race. Relay Race. Entrenching Competition for a cup presented by Brigadier-General Robb, C.B., M.V.O., won by C Company.

## INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

100 yards, half-mile, quarter-mile—Corpl. Orme. Sabre *v.* Sabre—Lieut. Lee. Hurdle Race—Rfn. Bent. Boys' Race—Boy Beale.

The Battalion won the Championship Relay Race at the Army Athletic Meeting held at Aldershot in July. The team completed the course in 1 min. 39 $\frac{2}{5}$  secs., which was the best time ever recorded in this race. Team :—Lieut. Wingfield, Corpl. Orme, Corpl. Rowson, Rfn. Pearcey.

During his inspection of the Battalion on January 25th, 1907, the day previous to the Eastern Command Athletic Meeting, H.R.H. the







FOOTBALL TEAM, 4TH BATTALION.

Back row :—Lieut. Edwards, Bandsman Brooks, Rifleman Martin, Bandsman Foley, Lieut. and Or.—Mr. Judge.  
 Middle row :—Cpl. Orme, Bandsman Mansfield, Lieut. Col. Nugent, D.S.O., Cpl. Hetherington (*Capt.*), Rfn. Webb,  
 Front row :—Rfn. Smith, Rfn. Wroe, Rfn. Timmins, Bugler Young, L.-Cp. Lee.

(Pearson Charity Cup.)

(C. and D. League Cup.)

Prince of Wales expressed a desire to be informed of the results so far as the Battalion was concerned. Lieut.-Colonel Nugent, D.S.O., accordingly forwarded a list of the successes quoted above, and received the following telegram from the Equerry to H.R.H. in reply:—

“The Prince of Wales is delighted to hear how successful the Battalion was at the Colchester Athletic Meeting yesterday.”

#### FOOTBALL.

The following is the record of the 4th Battalion for the season ending April 30th, 1907:—

##### *Army Cup.*

1st Round.	—Royal Field Artillery	-	-	-	won	4—1
2nd	„	—Bye.				
3rd	„	—King's Own Regiment	-	-	won	1—0
4th	„	—1st Batt. Grenadier Guards	-	-	won	3—2
5th	„	—Royal Engineers	-	-	draw	2—2
„	„	—Replay	-	-	lost	1—3
Total goals						11—8

##### *Pearson Charity Cup.*

1st Round.	—Colchester Crown	-	-	-	draw	1—1
„	„	—Replay	-	-	-	won 4—1
2nd	„	—R.F.A. left station.	No match.			
Final	—Northamptonshire Regt.	-	-	-	won	6—0
Total goals						11—2

##### *Colchester and District League.—Summary.*

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Goals— Against	Points
14	12	1	1	54	8	25

In addition to the above, the Colchester Garrison six-a-side Football Tournament was played on April 13th, 1907.

Twenty-five teams were entered from the various units. The 4th Battalion entered four teams. The D Team only survived the first round, but the other three teams won the first, second, and third prizes. The winners of the first prize each received a solid gold medal.

## Visit of General H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Colchester.

ON the 25th July, 1907, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.P., K.T., etc., Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, inspected the 4th Battalion.

His Royal Highness, on coming to the ground, was received with a Royal Salute. His Royal Highness inspected the Battalion.

The Battalion marched past in column by companies, and returned in quarter column, afterwards re-forming line and advancing in review order, terminating the inspection with a Royal Salute. His Royal Highness witnessed the Battalion being dismissed, and was much pleased with the smartness with which the movement was carried out.

The Prince lunched with the officers, and afterwards inspected the Institute, Sergeants' Mess, D Company and Buglers Rooms. A gymnastic display by the Obstacle Race Team was then given in the Gymnasium, and finally His Royal Highness listened to two bugle marches by the buglers. His Royal Highness left Colchester by the 3.58 p.m. train for London. His Royal Highness was pleased to issue the following order to the 4th Battalion, and accompanied it with the following remarks, through the Private Secretary to His Royal Highness :—

“General His Royal Highness the Colonel-in-Chief is very glad to have had an opportunity of inspecting the 4th Battalion to-day, and desires to express his entire satisfaction with all that he saw.

“His Royal Highness was much pleased with the turn out and general smart appearance of the men, and was especially struck with their steadiness on parade. He congratulates Lieut.-Colonel Nugent on his fine command.”

The Private Secretary to His Royal Highness also forwards the following comments by direction of His Royal Highness :—

“The Prince was much pleased with the band and with your splendid buglers. He thought the Battalion remarkably well dressed, and he was gratified to see the well found Sergeants' Mess, the very well kept rooms, and the excellent quality of the food in the men's messes. The Prince was also much pleased with the gymnastic display. He thought it did great credit to the Instructor, and he hopes the Battalion will be successful in the obstacle competition.”

The Commanding Officer has very great pleasure in publishing the above.

The absolute steadiness of all ranks on parade, and the precision and smartness with which all movements were carried out were the subject of remarks by all spectators, and especially by the former Commanding Officers.

The rooms of the buglers and D Company were models of how rooms should be kept. The following officers were on parade, and 2 warrant officers, 5 staff-sergeants, 27 sergeants, and 493 rank and file :—

Lieut.-Colonel O. S. W. Nugent, D.S.O., Commanding.

Major Sir F. Henniker, Bart.

„ Hon. J. R. Brownlow.

„ R. Byron, D.S.O.

Captains B. J. Majendie, G. J. Acland Troyte, Brevet-Major S. F. Mott, C. H. N. Seymour.

Lieuts. C. A. Howard, W. L. Clinton, G. T. Lee, A. J. Hunter, J. A. Bigge, C. V. L. Poë, A. A. Soames, G. H. Barnett, H. C. Ponsonby, G. Wynne-Finch, J. F. P. Butler, C. J. T. R. Wingfield, J. S. Mellor, E. G. St. Aubyn.

Lieutenant and Adjutant F. W. L. Edwards.

Major-General Leigh Pemberton, C.B., Colonel Commandant, and the following former Commanding Officers were present :—

Brigadier-General H. R. Mends.

Colonel E. W. Herbert, C.B.

„ F. A. Fortescue.

## RIFLE DEPÔT RECORDS.

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23rd January.—Lieut. W. H. M. Watson, posted from 4th Battalion for tour of duty.

11th March.—Lieut. F. L. Pardoe, posted from 1st Battalion for tour of duty.

11th September.—Brigadier-General J. W. Kirkpatrick, C.B., Commanding W.C.G.R. District, inspected the Rifle Depôt.

16th September.—Lieut. G. J. Blewitt, posted from 3rd Battalion for tour of duty.

17th October.—Lieut. A. J. Fife, embarked to take up the duties as A.D.C. to Major-General the Hon. Sir R. A. J. Talbot, K.C.B., Governor of Victoria.

WARRANT OFFICER.—Sergt.-Major A. E. Robinson.

### STAFF-SERGEANTS.

Quarter-Master-Sergeant	-	-	-	W. Line.
Sergeant-Master-Cook	-	-	-	M. McDermott.
Orderly-Room-Clerk	-	-	-	J. Bennett.

### COLOR-SERGEANTS.

No. 1 Depôt Company	-	-	-	W. Challen.
" 2        "	-	-	-	S. Collier.
" 3        "	-	-	-	A. Harvey.
" 4        "	-	-	-	L. Gurnett.

### WAR MEDALS.

Officers in possession of 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
"        "        " 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
"        "        " 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
"        "        " 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s in possession of 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
"        "        " 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
"        "        " 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
"        "        " 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Riflemen in possession of 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
"        "        2	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
"        "        3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
"        "        5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Total        -        74

# OTHER MEDALS.

Distinguished Conduct—Nil.

Good Conduct :—

Q.-M.-S. Line.	Rifleman Richardson.
L.-Corpl. G. Curson.	„ W. West.
Rifleman W. Fradgley.	

## GOOD CONDUCT BADGES.

In possession of 1 badge	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
„ „ 2 badges	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
„ „ 3 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
„ „ 4 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
„ „ 5 „	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	86

## EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES OBTAINED.

First Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Second Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Third Class	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	197

## MUSKETRY, 1907.

Figure of Merit	-	-	-	-	-	-	201
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## CLASSIFICATION.

Marksman	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
27	49	23	3

## ORDER OF MERIT OF COMPANIES.

No. 1 Company—Captain M. Pratt	-	-	Average 211
„ 3 „ „ „	-	-	„ 208
„ 4 „ „ G. F. Hankey	-	-	„ 196
„ 2 „ „ „	-	-	„ 190

## BEST SHOTS OF COMPANIES.

No. 1 Company—Col.-Sergt. W. Challen	-	-	286 points
„ 2 „ „ Sergt. A. King	-	-	251 „
„ 3 „ „ J. Reynolds	-	-	296 „
„ 4 „ „ Rifleman J. Sykes	-	-	249 „

## RECRUITS.

Number exercised	-	-	-	-	-	54
Figure of Merit	-	-	-	-	-	526

## BEST SHOT OF RECRUITS.

Rifleman F. Cooling, No. 3 Company, K.R.R.—622 points

## ARMY RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES.

*The Prince of Wales' Challenge Cup.  
(Inter-Regimental Depot Team Match.)*

Depôt K.R.R. Team. Average 72.

Top score of team—Col.-Sergt. W. Challen, 90 points. The above match was shot off on a very difficult day.

*Methuen Challenge Cup.*

Col.-Sergt. W. Challen shot in the "Green Jackets" Team for the above cup at Bisley. Score, 87 points.

## RIFLE DEPOT SHOOTING CLUB MEETING.

*Handicap and Sweepstakes at 200, 500, and 600 yards.*

## Principal Scores (K.R.R.).

Order	Rank and Name	H'cap.	Points	Total	Prize
1.	Corpl. Maxwell	-	6	98	£3.
4.	Corpl. Laverty	-	6	97	£1.
9.	Col.-Sergt. Challen	-	scratch	92	15s.
11.	Corpl. Beaumont	-	2	91	15s.
12.	L.-Corpl. Conyers	-	10	91	15s.
14.	Sergt. King	-	2	90	10s.
17.	Sergt. Reynolds	-	2	89	10s.
18.	Col.-Sergt. Harvey	-	2	89	10s.

£36 in prizes in Handicap, £7 added in Sweepstakes. Total £43.

## R. D. S. CLUB RIFLE MEETING.

*Sweepstakes—200 yards.*

Order	Rank and Name	Score	Prize
1.	Col.-Sergt. Challen, K.R.R.	34	£1 0 0
2.	Corpl. Maxwell, K.R.R.	33	0 15 0
3.	Rfn. Whittington, R.B.	32	0 10 0
4.	Col.-Sergt. Coombs, R.B.	32	0 7 6
5.	Corpl. Foster, R.B.	32	0 7 6
6.	Sergt. Croucher, R.B.	32	0 7 6
7.	Corpl. Beaumont, K.R.R.	31	0 5 6
8.	Sergt. Foster, R.B.	31	0 5 6
9.	Corpl. Wiskar, R.B.	31	0 4 7
10.	Sergt. Lindsay, R.B.	31	0 4 7

*500 yards.*

1.	Sergt. Roots, R.B.	34	£1 0 0
2.	Corpl. Laverty, K.R.R.	33	0 15 0
3.	Act.-Corpl. Jennings, R.B.	33	0 10 0
4.	Sergt. Foster, R.B.	32	0 7 6
5.	Act.-Sergt. Meager, R.B.	32	0 7 6
6.	Lieut. D'Ovey, R.B.	32	0 7 6
7.	Col.-Sergt. Harvey, K.R.R.	31	0 5 6

8.	Corpl. Beaumont, K.R.R.	-	-	31	-	0	5	6
9.	C.S.I.M. Cunningham, R.B.	-	-	31	-	0	4	7
10.	Col.-Sergt. Challen, K.R.R.	-	-	31	-	0	4	7

600 yards.

1.	Sergt. Roots, R.B.	-	-	35	-	£1	0	0
2.	C.S.I.M. Cunningham, R.B.	-	-	34	-	0	15	0
3.	Act.-Sergt. Meager, R.B.	-	-	31	-	0	10	0
4.	Sergt. Foster, R.B.	-	-	30	-	0	7	6
5.	Rfn. Whittington, R.B.	-	-	30	-	0	7	6
6.	Sergt. Reynolds, K.R.R.	-	-	29	-	0	7	6
7.	Corpl. Maxwell, K.R.R.	-	-	29	-	0	5	6
8.	Sergt. Clarke, K.R.R.	-	-	29	-	0	5	6
9.	Sergt. King, K.R.R.	-	-	29	-	0	4	7
10.	L.-Corpl. Conyers, K.R.R.	-	-	29	-	0	4	7

SERGEANTS' RIFLE MEETING.

This Meeting was a great success. In the Handicap, which was fired at the 200, 500 and 600 yards ranges, the following were the principal scores :—

Order	Rank and Name	H'cap Points	Total	Prize
1.	Col.-Sergt. Challen	- scratch -	98	- £1.
6.	Sergt. Reynolds	- 2 -	93	- 13s.
7.	Mr. Lamond, late K.R.R.	10 -	93	- 13s.
11.	Sergt.-Major Robinson	- 6 -	90	- 10s.
15.	Sergt. Collier	- 8 -	87	- 7s.
16.	Mr. Mc Key, late K.R.R.	scratch -	86	- 7s.
17.	Sergt. King	- 2 -	86	- 7s.
21.	Sergt. Symons	- 2 -	84	- 5s.

40 Prizes—£15.

Winner of London Rifle Brigade Challenge Cup.

Col.-Sergt. W. Challen - - - - 98 points.

Winner of the "Buchanan-Riddell" Challenge Cup.

Sergt. J. Roots, R.B. - - - - 92 points.

The Angus Steward Challenge Cup.

200, 600, and 800 yards.

Won by the K.R.R. team by 53 points. Team :—

Rank and Name	200 yards	600 yards	800 yards	Total
Col.-Sergt. Challen	- 31	34	32	97
Sergt. Symons	- 32	31	33	96
Sergt.-Major Robinson	- 26	30	34	90
Sergt. Reynolds	- 32	24	33	89
" King	- 30	30	28	88
Col.-Sergt. Harvey	- 26	28	33	87
Corpl. Maxwell	- 27	29	28	84
" Lavery	- 29	21	29	79
Average	- 29'1	28'3	31'2	88'7



*The Sir Guy Campbell Challenge Cup (Scouts Competition).*

1st Prize : the Cup and £3.—No. 4 Company, Dépôt Rifle Brigade team. Leader :—Sergt. Staines. Team :—Corpl. Goode, Corpl. Flynn, Acting-Corpl. Scivier, Rfn. Coe.

2nd Prize : £2.—No. 2 Company, Dépôt K.R.R. team. Leader :—Corpl. Gilbert, Corpl. Paul, L.-Corpl. Keats, Rfn. Kent, Rfn. Morgan.

## FOOTBALL.

The following is the Rifle Dépôt Football Record, Season 1906-7 (winners of Winchester Thursday League Challenge Cup and Medals, 1906-7) :—

## THURSDAY LEAGUE.

Date 1906	Team	Ground	Result	Goals— For Against
Oct. 4	Wolvesey ... ..	Home	Won	2 0
„ 11	Hants Regimental Dépôt ... ..	Home	Won	3 0
Nov. 1	St. Thomas ... ..	Away	Drawn	2 2
„ 22	Hyde Park Rangers ... ..	Away	Lost	2 3
1907				
Jan. 10	East End ... ..	Home	Won	8 0
„ 24	Wolvesey ... ..	Away	Won	3 2
Feb. 7	East End ... ..	Away	Won	9 0
„ 21	Hyde Park Rangers ... ..	Home	Won	3 0
Mar. 7	St. Thomas ... ..	Home	Won	2 1
„ 21	Hants Regimental Dépôt ... ..	Away	Won	3 0

Played, 10; won, 8; drawn, 1; lost, 1. Goals—for, 37; against, 8.

## SOUTH HANTS LEAGUE.

1906				
Sept. 29	Lymington ... ..	Away	Won	2 1
Oct. 6	Southampton Cambridge ... ..	Home	Won	5 3
„ 13	Bitterne Guild ... ..	Away	Lost	0 3
„ 20	Shirley Warren ... ..	Home	Won	3 1
Nov. 10	R.A.M.C., Netley ... ..	Away	Lost	0 3
„ 24	Pear Tree Athletic ... ..	Home	Won	5 0
Dec. 1	R.A.M.C., Netley ... ..	Home	Won	3 1
„ 15	Winchester ... ..	Home	Drawn	2 2
„ 22	Romsey ... ..	Away	Lost	2 4
1907				
Jan. 12	Southampton Cambridge ... ..	Away	Lost	0 4
„ 19	Bitterne Guild ... ..	Home	Drawn	2 2
„ 26	Pear Tree Athletic ... ..	Away	Drawn	2 2
Feb. 9	Winchester ... ..	Away	Won	3 1
„ 16	Lymington ... ..	Home	Won	4 0
„ 23	Shirley Warren ... ..	Away	Lost	2 7
Mar. 16	Romsey ... ..	Home	Won	5 2

Played, 16; won, 8; drawn, 3; lost, 5. Goals—for, 40; against, 36.

FRIENDLIES.

1906						
Sept.	8—Winchester Reserves	...	...	Away	Won	1 0
"	15—Winchester Albion	...	...	Home	Won	7 0
"	22—Twyford	...	...	Away	Won	7 0
"	27—St. Thomas	...	...	Home	Won	6 0
Oct.	27—Winchester	...	...	Away	Drawn	2 2
"	27—Wolvesey	...	...	Away	Won	2 0
Dec.	6—Basingstoke	...	...	Away	Won	9 1
"	8—Winchester Reserves	...	...	Home	Won	5 3
1907						
Jan.	10—St. Thomas	...	...	Away	Drawn	4 4
"	17—Basingstoke	...	...	Home	Won	1 0
Feb.	19—Winchester College	...	...	Away	Won	2 1
Mar.	2—Hants Regimental Depot	...	...	Home	Drawn	1 1
"	9—Wolvesey	...	...	Home	Won	2 1
"	30—Victoria and St. George's R.V.	...	...	Home	Won	8 1
April	11—Rest of Thursday League	...	...	Home	Won	3 1

Played, 15; won, 12; drawn, 3; lost, 0. Goals—for, 60; against, 15.

*Grand Total:—*

Played, 41; won, 28; drawn, 7; lost, 6. Goals—for, 137; against, 59.

## Point to Point Steeplechases.

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THE annual Regimental Point to Point Steeplechases were held on Friday, March 15th, 1907, at Champion Lodge, Maldon, Essex, over a course which Sir Claude de Crespigny had most kindly lent for the purpose.

The weather was all that could be desired, and there was a large attendance of past and present Riflemen.

General Campbell officiated as starter, and Sir Claude de Crespigny as judge. The first event on the card at 2 p.m. was the Light Weight Race for a challenge cup presented by Col. the Hon. E. Stuart Wortley, and fourteen starters lined up for this. An excellent race resulted in Captain Wake, who rode a fine finish on Sir John, beating Mr. Clinton's Tragedy by a length. Major Warre's Pierpont, three lengths away, was third.

There were twelve starters in the Open Sweepstakes, which was won fairly easily by Mr. Henriques' (Queen's Regiment) Next Thought, Mr. Longbourne, of the same regiment, getting second place on Visigoth.

A field of thirteen turned out for the Regimental Heavy Weight Race for a cup presented by Mr. Ulric O. Thynne, open to officers of the regiment past and present. Mr. Soames' Champion was a strong favourite for this race, but after leading at the start, Mr. Mellor on Paddington was placed first, Captain Green's Maxim second, and Sir F. Henniker, on Shamrock, third.

The Farmers' Race, for a cup presented by the officers of the regiment, brought out a field of six. A good race resulted in a win for Mr. J. C. Poole's General Nogi by three lengths, Sir Claude de Crespigny being second on Little Mary IV.

The following gives the entries and the details of the races :—

The KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS LIGHT-WEIGHT RACE, a Challenge Cup, presented by Col. the Hon. E. J. Stuart Wortley. Open to horses which are *bona fide* hunters, and are the property of officers now serving in the K.R.R.C. To be ridden by officers now serving in the K.R.R.C. Catch-weights over 12 stone. Entrance fee, £1, to form a sweepstake for winner. Three miles.

Capt. H. Wake's SIR JOHN, aged	-	-	-	Owner	1
Mr. W. L. Clinton's TRAGEDY, 5 yrs.	-	-	-	Owner	2
Major H. C. Warre's PIERPONT, aged	-	-	-	Owner	3
Capt. R. G. Jelf's Mona, aged	-	-	Mr. C. A. Howard	o	
Major R. Byron's Dairymaid	-	-	Mr. Mellor	o	
Mr. G. H. Barnett's Nunthorpe, 5 yrs.	-	-	Owner	o	
Mr. J. N. Bigge's Almond, aged	-	-	Owner	o	
Capt. H. R. White's Lady Langton, 6 yrs.	-	-	Owner	o	
Mr. F. W. L. Edwards' Lady Bird, aged	-	-	Owner	o	
Major J. A. Hope's Lottery, aged	-	-	Owner	o	
Mr. C. J. T. R. Wingfield's Red Knight, 6 yrs.	-	-	Owner	o	
Capt. R. G. Jelf's Grey Lady, aged	-	-	Owner	o	
Major S. F. Mott's Nelly, aged	-	-	Mr. H. C. Ponsonby	o	
Capt. G. J. Acland Troyte's Pat, 7 yrs.	-	-	Owner	o	

The runners were sent off to the second, Lady Langton and Tragedy taking the lead, followed by Sir John, Lottery, and Pierpont next. On reaching the foot of the hill on the far side of the course, some of the horses refused, and the three placed horses came away, and a good finish ending in favour of Sir John by three parts of a length, three lengths dividing second and third. Grey Lady was fourth and Lottery fifth, none of the others finishing the course.

OPEN SWEEPSTAKES, open to horses which are *bona fide* hunters, and are the property either of officers now serving in the Army and Navy, or of past officers of K.R.R.C., or of members or subscribers to the Essex, Essex Union, the East Essex, the Essex and Suffolk, and the Puckeridge Hunts. Catch-weights over 13 stone. Winners of Point-to-Point Races 7 lbs. extra for each win. Entrance fee, £1, to form a sweepstake for winner.

Mr. R. L. Q. Henriques' (Queen's) NEXT THOUGHT	-	Owner	1
Mr. F. C. Longbourne's (Queen's) VISIGOTH	-	Owner	2
Mr. G. K. Norman's (M.F.H.) GENERAL	-	Mr. B. N. Abbey	3
Mr. R. B. Parker's (Northampton Regt.) Victor, aged	-	Owner	o
Mr. A. A. Soames' (K.R.R.C.) Billy, 6 yrs.	-	Owner	o
Mr. W. E. P. Cairne's (8th Hussars) How's That, 5 yrs.	-	Owner	o
Mr. J. H. Charters' (8th Hussars) Bay Ronald, aged	-	Owner	o
Capt. F. M. Jennings' (8th Hussars) Sceptic, aged	-	Owner	o

Capt. Sir C. Lowther's (8th Hussars) Melton, aged	-	Owner	o
Capt. Sir C. Lowther's (8th Hussars) Bounder, aged	Mr. Partridge		o
Mr. P. J. Fearon's (Queen's) Pauline	- - -	Owner	o
Mr. P. E. Weatherhead's (King's Own Regt.) Portman		Owner	o
Mr. S. Frost's Black Prince	- - - - -	Owner	o

Bay Ronald, General, and Next Thought led past the finishing point, with the others all together, with Portman last. On the far side of the course, a couple of horses came down, and Next Thought took up the running, followed by General and Visigoth. So they ran over the plough, and on coming into the straight a lot were tailed off. A grand race up the incline ended in favour of Next Thought by three lengths, the same distance dividing second and third. Billy was a bad fourth, and next came Victor, Sceptic, and Pauline. No others completed the course.

THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS HEAVY-WEIGHT RACE.—A Challenge Cup, presented by Mr. Ulric O. Thynne. Open to horses which are *bona fide* hunters, and are the property of Officers of the K. R. R. C., past and present. To be ridden by Officers K. R. R. C., past and present. For horses ridden by owners. Catch-weights over 13 st. 7 lbs. ; others, 7 lbs. extra. Entrance fee, £1. (N.B.—Past Officers and Present Officers' entrance fees will respectively form a Sweepstake, to go to the winner of the Past and the winner of the Present Officers who enter for this race.)

Major Hon. J. R. Brownlow's PADDINGTON, aged	Mr. J. S. Mellor	1
Capt. H. R. Green's MAXIM, aged	- - -	Owner 2
Major Sir F. Henniker's SHAMROCK	- - -	Owner 3
Major C. Gosling's Reliance, aged	- - -	Owner o
Mr. F. W. L. Edwards' Martha, aged	- - -	Owner o
Capt. H. Wake's Bull Dog, aged	- - -	Owner o
Capt. H. R. White's Geisha, 6 yrs.	- - -	Owner o
Major Sir F. Henniker's Pal	- - -	Mr. J. N. Bigge o
Capt. Lord Robert Manners' Jim Crow, 6 yrs.	- - -	Owner o
Major J. A. Hope's The Lawyer, aged	- - -	Owner o
Mr. Ulric Thynne's Vanguard, 6 yrs.	- - -	Owner o
Mr. C. J. T. R. Wingfield's White Knight, 6 yrs.	- - -	Owner o
Mr. A. A. Soames' Champion, 6 yrs.	- - -	Owner o

After a false start, Champion took up the running, followed by Martha, with The Lawyer and Jim Crow the last pair. On the far side of the course, Champion had increased his lead to fifteen lengths, but before passing the wood, the favourite had come back to his field. On reaching the straight, the favourite dropped to the rear, and the three placed horses being all by themselves, a fine race ended in favour of Paddington by a length ; three lengths separating second and third. The Lawyer and Jim Crow were the last pair.

FARMERS' RACE.—A Cup, value £10, presented by the Officers of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Open to *bona fide* hunters, the property of yeoman or farmers renting or owning land in the County of Essex. Catch-weights over 13 st. Winners of Point-to-Point Races 7 lbs. extra for each win.

Mr. J. C. Poole's GENERAL NOGI, aged	- - -	Owner	1
Mr. E. Stevens's LITTLE MARY IV, aged	-	Sir C. de Crespigny	2
Mr. D. Jones's FOREST DEER	- - -	Mr. E. T. Jones	3
Mr. D. Jones's Fearless	- - -	Mr. N. de Crespigny	0
Mr. E. A. Fairhead's Kruger	- - -	Mr. A. C. Howard	0
Mr. Christy's Justice	- - - - -	Owner	0

Little Mary IV cut out the work, with Fearless in close attendance, and Justice third. Sir Claude's mount maintained the lead until reaching the plough, when General Nogi began to draw up. Justice in the meantime had fallen, and then Mr. J. C. Poole, bringing his mount along, won by a distance; bad third.

## Elephant Catching in Mysore.

BY CAPTAIN G. MAKINS, M.V.O., 2ND BATTALION.

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ONCE before I had been offered the chance of seeing an elephant catch, but to my great disappointment had been unable to go; so that, never having yet seen a wild elephant, and having been accustomed so long to see and ride his sleepy, docile, captive brother, I felt indeed lucky when the chance again came round. As probably few of the readers of the *Chronicle* have witnessed an elephant catch, I will endeavour to describe that at which I was present, and if any of my statements are inaccurate, I can only apologise and say that I am writing from impressions and inquiries after a lapse of two years.

Our camp was pitched forty miles by road from Mysore city, deep in the bamboo jungles of the Kakankote district, close to the Chubbani River. It is curious to notice on this road, as soon as one leaves civilization and enters the deep jungle, mile-stones and telegraph poles suddenly change their coat of white to one of black, those painted white apparently being such an eyesore to his lordship the elephant, that he finds it necessary to root them up. The drive was to take place on the evening of our arrival. For some time previous, thousands of coolies, recruited from the jungle tribes, aided by experienced men from near and far, had been busy rounding up a herd, and slowly driving it towards the river and khedda. By this time the herd was enclosed in a hilly patch of jungle, of considerable extent, bounded on one side by the river, and on the other by some miles of fires and encampments of natives, ready at any moment to turn out, wave torches, shout, and fire matchlocks, in the event of any attempt on the part of the elephants to break back from their



THE OUTER KHEDDA.



ROGUE COW IN OUTER KHEDDA.





wall-less, insecure prison. And now, after months of preparation, they were to be driven across the river and into the khedda.

I will try and describe the khedda. A good deal of woodcraft is required in its preparation. Firstly it must be known whereabouts the elephants are likely to cross the river, then the bank must be made inaccessible wherever necessary by piles of loose bamboos, which will roll down and give no foothold, or by stout palisades up to the entrance of the khedda. This entrance is made as easy and inviting as possible from the river, the bank being ramped; the walls are as stout and strong as wooden palisades can be made, and skilfully concealed by natural vegetation. The passage in this case was about fifty yards in length, terminated by a powerful wood and iron gate, raised by chains and pulleys. Once within and the gate lowered, the elephants find themselves in a large patch of their native jungle, perhaps a couple of miles in circumference, surrounded by a deep trench and a stout palisade, the former to check their charge and prevent them from ramming their heads too hard against the timbers of the latter, which strong though they be, might not be equal to such a test.

About an hour before sunset, we took up our position on the river bank, within two or three hundred yards of this khedda, to watch the drive. We were full of excitement and anxiety as to whether the drive would be a success or not, and, given success, whether there would be sufficient light to see anything or not. Shades of night fall quickly in Mysore, and the elephant, like every other wild animal, and for the matter of that a good many tame ones, notably the Irish pig, does not necessarily go in the direction it is intended to.

The drive, as drives do in this country, began with a tremendous outburst of shouting, very soon tailing off into a very much less enthusiastic noise. Sometimes a squeal or loud trumpet produced renewed yells all

along the line, with firing, blowing of horns and beating of tom-toms. Then there would be dead silence till we feared the herd had broken back and the whole thing would be a failure. Suddenly, just as the light had almost gone, tremendous shouting broke out, followed by splashing of water, while the opposite bank became quickly lined with frantic-looking figures, hastily lighting torches and fires.

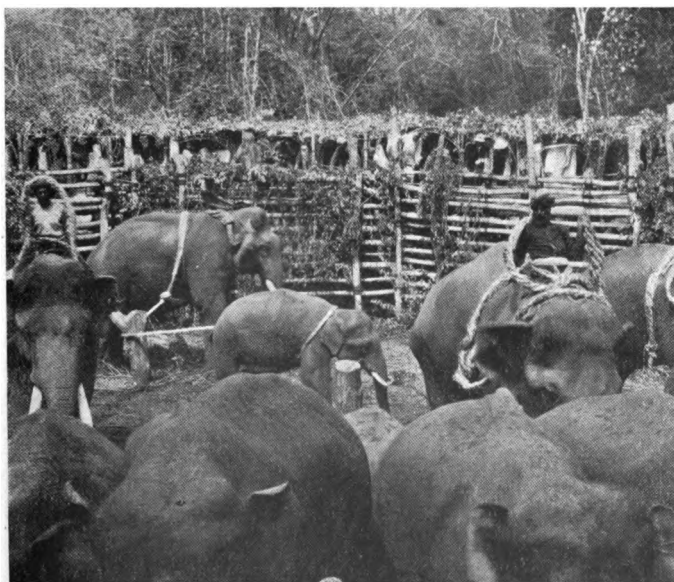
Across and up stream, just under our bank, came the herd, like a sounder of gigantic pig, looking this way and that, just as an old boar looks while he wonders whether to charge you or not; not appearing to hurry, yet covering the ground, or rather water, at a great pace, bewildered, angry, and uncertain. Thus they passed amid great excitement, and reached the khedda entrance. Bang! the gate was shut, and the herd successfully captured.

Now we must leave those just caught, as they will have to remain as they are for some days, gradually becoming accustomed to the sight of man, being thrown sugar cane and other dainties to reconcile them to their lot. The next day was devoted to the actual capturing and tying up of a herd caught some two or three weeks previously. These were in a second khedda, and for their reception had been built what is called an "inner khedda," and a small and very powerful circular stockade, only about thirty yards in diameter, and connected with the "outer khedda" a bottle-necked passage and ponderous gate. The drive from the "outer" to the "inner" khedda was a matter of considerable difficulty, and caused no little excitement. It began early in the morning, and it was some hours before the leader of the herd, followed by the remainder, was induced to enter the "inner khedda."

One old cow was never coaxed in at all, but remained at large till evening, charging everything at sight, and narrowly missing one mahout, who had been thrown from his elephant; she was supposed to have lost her



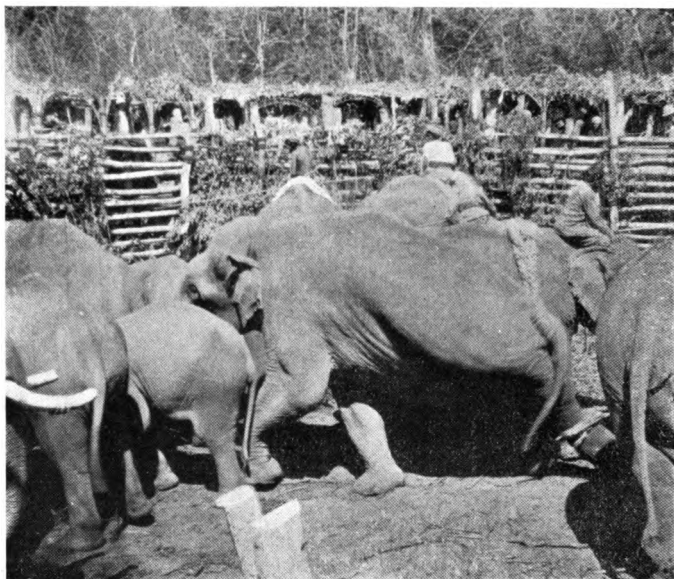
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LEADER OF HERD STRAINING AT BONDS.



THE JAM IN INNER KHEDDA.

calf in the drive, which would account for her madness. She was eventually lassoed after many failures, probably only to be destroyed or to die a few weeks later, as they say such cases rarely tame.

The gate of the inner khedda having been closed on the herd, the tame tuskers and cows were admitted, each with a stout hawser lasso girthed round its body, and ridden by a mahout armed with a long spear.

The elephant is supposed rarely to look up, but I noticed several that did, with the prompt result that a spear-head was rammed well home in the base of their trunks.

The first object of the mahouts was to capture the big bull leader of the herd, as little can be done till he is a captive, for this more or less cowed the remainder of the herd. This, after some trouble, was eventually effected by backing on to him four powerful cows, two on either side of him, who put all their weight on to his flanks, whilst a large tusker stood guard in front to prevent any attempt to break away from between them. Men on foot then lashed his hind legs together, and roped him to a heavy pile previously sunk in the ground.

What a strain is put on those ropes and pile can in some measure be guessed from the photograph. Having secured the leader, the remainder seemed to lose heart, and in most cases it was only necessary to lasso them, though a few showed fight, and some severe punishment had to be meted out by the tuskers, too severe I thought occasionally. One very small tusker put up a splendid fight, and was most unmercifully bullied for some time after he had given in.

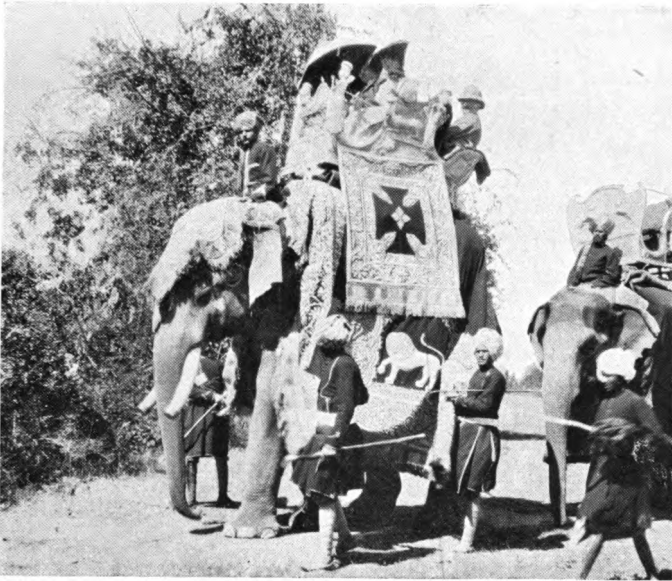
As sufficient elephants were roped up, they were dragged away one by one, two or three tame elephants to each wild one, according to its strength, taken to water at the river, and finally chained to a stout tree a short distance away, where in the course of eight or twelve months they would gradually become domesticated and eventually be sold. The work of roping the elephants is



very heavy, and though there were only about twenty-five elephants in all, and they must have commenced at noon, it was well on to daylight the next morning, I believe, before the last was dragged away. They say this method of capturing elephants no longer pays; expenses are naturally enormous, and there is not such a great demand for the captives as in former days; the Government no longer use them for transport or guns; cheaper means of timber shifting, etc., have been found by trading firms, and in addition many elephants get crushed in the jam in the inner khedda, and die from their injuries; whilst again, others never become properly tamed. It is to be feared, therefore, that the Mysore khedda may not survive many years. It is, however, a most interesting sight, and I wish I could give a more graphic description of it, though there are, in the United Provinces, more exciting methods of capture.

Lastly, one cannot but help feeling a bit of a brute watching the downfall of such magnificent beasts, who for years have roamed the jungles in absolute mastery, and who now are to be chained by the leg and gradually domesticated. So much so that they must submit to a mahout sitting on their necks, preserving an open sore on their heads in which to prod his iron ankus in times of disagreement; to haul timber; gratify the pride of some wealthy Zemindar; face the tiger or buffalo with all its accompanying risks on the Indian sportsman's not too sporting trip; or decked out like a walking throne-room, proclaim to all and sundry the pomp and magnificence of some Eastern potentate.

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THE FINISHED ARTICLE—"PURPLE AND GOLD."



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## **“Sailing Home.”**

BY A RIFLEMAN.

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To those who have not experienced, it may be of interest to record the various items connected with the departure of troops during the Trooping Season from their Indian station to Southampton. First of all comes the publication of a Battalion Order giving the names of those whose turn has come for proceeding to England.

This order is, of course, well-thumbed in the canteen and other institutions, and inwardly digested. The issue of sea kit bags by the Quartermaster, and the necessary signing of documents on discharge, etc., is soon over, and the day of departure is at hand.

We file off to the canteen, etc., for our farewell glass, and shortly after it is time to parade, “Auld Lang Syne” and other most appropriate songs having been sung a dozen or more times.

The “Fall In” sounds, rolls are called, then “Form Fours, Right” (“Pick up your parrots”), “Quick March.” The band strikes up some cheery strain, and through a cloud of dust and ringing cheers, we are off to the station.

The train journey to Bombay is rather monotonous, and need not be recorded; the only item of interest is the getting there, and perhaps a few conjectures as to who was awake when the train went over the Ghats.

Bombay is at length reached, and then comes our final Indian feed (which, by the way, I would advise you to leave alone); it consists of a chunk of dry Roti, and some very vile tea: this, of course, is given by a generous Government in order to prepare our stomachs for a good attack of sea sickness.

Medical inspection then takes place (and some of us

begin to feel ill already), as it is only a short time before we are on the steam launches which take us on to the "trooper."

Baggage is soon stowed away, and all settled down when it is time to sail; a few parting glances at the land we are leaving with pangs of regret, at the parting from good old chums in the Regiment, and of course the dear old Corps, and now we are at last really on the way to Bilat. For the first few hours or so we have a general look round just to see who's who, and of course we don't forget to have a good look at the gentleman who is to be our Commanding Officer for the last part of our soldiering.

All sorts of games are soon in full swing, "House on the top line" and "Crown and Anchor," when the Provost Sergeant is not looking.

Aden is perhaps not called at, but passed in the distance, but we haven't lost much by not calling there. Our Biblical history and geography are soon to be rather severely tested, and all sorts of conclusions are arrived at as to which are the Twelve Apostles, or Hell's Gates, but someone is sure to show us the exact spot where Moses and the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, and some of us wonder how he did it with so much water kicking about. Truly Moses was a great leader, and we are sure he would have made a name had he taken part in the Kitchener Dream contests.

Anyhow, such trifles as these upset nobody. We have our usual church parade service, and are glad when it is all over, as it is none too safe singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" when one can hardly stand, and frantic efforts are made to appear quite calm and collected, with perhaps a slight taste of that salt pork not being quite comfortable down below.

Suez Town is soon approached, and on comes the chap in the red hat, just to see that we have not brought any of our Indian plague with us, and after a short and polite medical inspection, we proceed up the Suez Canal;

this breaks the monotony until Port Said is reached. Of course nobody except the officers and their ladies, and the W.O.'s, with a smattering of staff sergeants, are allowed to go ashore, so we while our time away by eating oranges well-sprinkled with coal. While at Port Said I should strongly advise one and all to smoke very few of the cigarettes that come aboard, as I am sure nobody wants to die before they get to England.

How we wish that the powers that be would only let us off the boat for a few hours, what a glorious time we would have.

We are soon off again, and Malta and Gibraltar are passed in their turn; some of us who have spent perhaps a good few years on the Island and on the Rock would dearly love to just have a look round.

We, however, soon forget our disappointments, and begin to look towards a good roll in the Bay. All eyes are soon directed towards England, each eager to catch the first glimpse.

But all things come to those that wait, and Land! the one and only Land for us Tommies is surely sighted at last.

Perhaps those of you who read this have not been away from your native shores, or if so, only for a short while, and cannot imagine the feelings in the hearts of us all on board.

Visions of the dear old Dad and Mother once again—'tis well to have been away if only for this, which more than compensates for all else. Some, of course, have not that pleasure in store.

The voyage is now all but ended. The Needles are passed, and the Isle of Wight and Southampton are close at hand. Kits are up, and the pilot has taken us safely in. Good-byes are soon exchanged, and we disembark. The time-expired go to Brockhurst by train, and the furlough men go their own sweet way (after safely negotiating the genial Customs officer).

The dear old home is thus safely reached once again.

## **A Visit to the Great Wall and the Ming Combs.**

BY LIEUTENANT C. HOWARD BURY.

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A FEW years ago a visit to the Great Wall of China could only be made on horseback, or seated in that most uncomfortable of conveyances, a Chinese country cart. Nowadays the railway goes within fifteen miles of it. I therefore started by train from the little Chien Men station, under the shadow of the great Tartar wall, and after an hour and a half, found myself at the Hschichi Men, only four miles from where I had started. Shortly afterwards the line approaches the Summer Palace; leaving the train here, I took a carriage and drove off to see what I could.

As luck would have it, the Dowager Empress was just starting to go to the Imperial Palace, and on my approaching the gate, one of the sentries brought down his bayonet in close proximity to my stomach, at the same time informing me that it was not lawful for the foreigner to look upon the Mother of the Son of Heaven, though in Chinese slang she is known by the name of "Old Hunt Buddha." A minute later four country carts, painted in the Imperial yellow, and preceded by outriders, came slowly out of the gate. Inside the first one, I was told, was the Dowager Empress; two companies turned out and presented arms—very well indeed—as her carriage passed, but of her no sign was to be seen.

After she had passed, I tried to drive to the old Summer Palace, two miles away, but the process was too painful, that I got out and walked. Little remains of its former glory, so well did the allies do their work; a few ruins, a pagoda, some shady trees and queerly carved caves overhanging the lotus ponds, are all that remain of its once famous buildings.



THE OLD SUMMER PALACE.

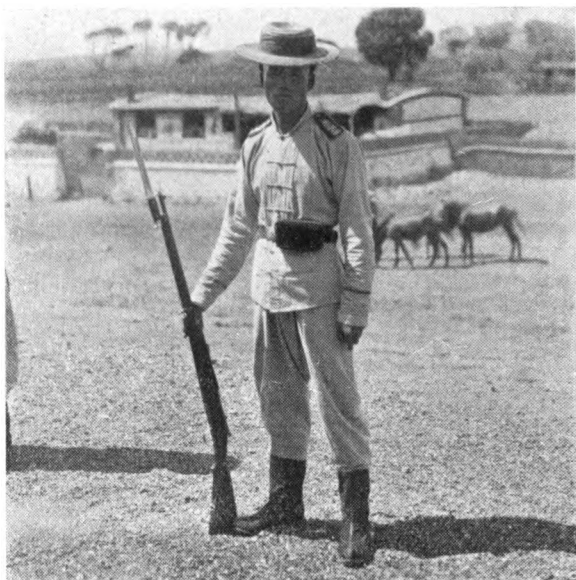


MOUNTAINOUS COUNTRY NEAR GREAT WALL.









A CHINESE RAILWAY GUARD



GREAT WALL.

Returning once more to the station, I took the train to Nankou. At every station in China are four or more railway guards of foreign drilled troops, put there to protect the foreigner, who when the train draws up on the platform, stand at attention or present arms, as the fancy takes them.

They are all armed with modern rifles, made in China, which they keep spotlessly clean. I put some of them through their drill, which they did smartly, but after the German fashion.

I went over an arsenal at Hanyang in the Yangtse Valley, where fifty Mauser rifles are turned out every day, as well as a hundred field guns of different sizes during the course of the year; it was an extraordinary sight to see hundreds of Chinese, stripped to the waist, hard at work and using the most modern and up-to-date machinery which, however, all came from Germany. There were no Europeans or Japanese supervising; everything now is done by Chinese alone, and this is only one of five arsenals already in existence.

But to return to my original subject. After arriving at Nankou, a couple of donkeys were loaded with the bedding and food, and dispatched to the village inn, my cook and myself following on foot, with Nagu behind.

A Chinese inn consists of a courtyard, with small rooms all around opening into it; the windows are filled with paper instead of glass, which is usually very much torn, since privacy is unknown in China. As I had brought my own bedding, I thought that it would be safe to sleep inside, but after a short while was rudely disillusioned and hurried outside into the courtyard, where I spent the rest of the night seated in a chair, watching the comet, which was very bright about that time. As soon as it was daylight, accompanied by a guide and mounted on donkeys, for they were the only animals to be obtained here, we started off for the Ming Tombs, which were some miles distant. The ride was uninteresting, along a narrow and very bad footpath at the foot of the hills, through tall Kaoling crops, ten feet

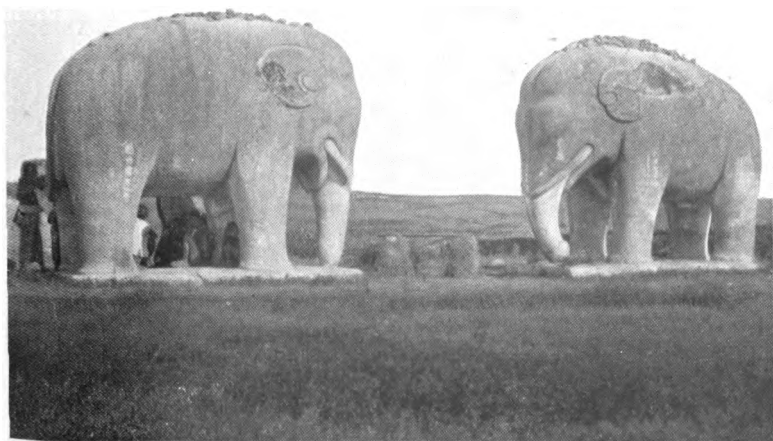
and more in height, varied occasionally by persimmon orchards. At length, when I was getting very tired and stiff, for the donkeys were small and uncomfortable, we came to a very handsome marble archway, with five arches. From here could be seen in the distance the golden roofs of the tombs of the thirteen Ming Emperors, glittering among the dark woods, and each under a separate hill. Following along what must have been once a very fine paved road, though now the bridges are all broken and the paving destroyed, we passed under two more arches, and then down the avenue of marble animals and statesmen, each carved out of a single block of marble. There were unicorns, elephants, dogs, lions, and horses, some kneeling, some standing; next come the civil and military mandarins, six a side.

A mile and a half further on we come to the tomb of the Emperor Yung Loh, with its great golden roofs glittering among dark pine trees.

Passing through the first gateway, we enter a broad paved courtyard, shady with pine trees, and after passing through a building at the far end, a second court discloses itself, at the extreme end of which is the great hall, surrounded by beautifully carved white marble balustrades, and supported inside by thirty-two immense teakwood pillars, each twelve feet in circumference, which give an air of great solemnity to the building, in spite of the fact that a stray donkey was wandering about inside. But in China nothing is ever kept in repair, grass and weeds grow on all the buildings, the roofs are coming to pieces, but until they actually fall down, nothing is ever done, and only then if the building is really important is it rebuilt. Passing through this building and another courtyard filled with oak trees, an underground passage brings one to the top of the terrace, which is the entrance proper to the grave. Here is a huge upright slab engraved with the titles of the Emperor, and around is the great grave mound, more than half a mile in circumference, somewhere within which the Emperor is buried.



MARBLE MANDARIN.



ON THE WAY TO THE MING TOMBS.









INCENSE BURNER IN CHINESE TEMPLE.



ARCH ON THE WAY TO MING TOMBS.

As the sun was getting low, I made haste to return to the inn, and profiting by last night's lesson, had the bed moved out into the middle of the courtyard. Sleep here was more peaceful, though I was disturbed by some mules belonging to a caravan, who sniffed at the bed and woke me up with a start. Breakfasting as soon as it was light, and mounted on donkeys, we started for the Great Wall, which is about fifteen miles distant. It was along this road that two or three months ago the motor cars passed on the Peking to Paris race. The innkeeper told me that it was as much as five mules could do to drag them along, and I was not surprised, for the ascent to the pass is steep, and the road, if it can euphoniously be so called, is covered with boulders and loose stones, among which even the sure-footed donkeys slip and stumble as they pick their way along, and where there are no stones the dust is many inches deep. Cliffs overhang the road with towers perched on the top of them; rocky, but very green hills rise several thousand feet above the valley on either side, but except by the side of the road, no trees are to be seen anywhere.

Constant caravans of camels, mules or donkeys, pass by laden with corn and silk, travelling between Peking and the interior, as this is the great high road. After about five miles we reach the old walled town of Chu Yung Kuan, which fills the bottom of the valley, but whose walls climb to the summit of the overhanging heights in a series of ladder-like steps. A few miles further on the Great Wall appears for the first time, winding like a serpent along the crest of the hills. Near by is an ice cold spring, where gather all the muleteers and dusty wayfarers, who quench their thirst out of a wooden scoop. Another three miles and the top of the pass is reached, where at a height of 2,000 feet above the sea the Great Wall crosses the valley and the road passes under it, through the Pata Ling Gate.

This Great Wall, considerably over three thousand miles in length, and looped and doubled in many places for hundreds of miles, stretches from the sea at Shan

Haikwan to the uttermost limits of cultivation in Kansu. Begun in the third century before Christ, it was not finally finished till 1547, during the Ming Dynasty.

For ten centuries the Northern Tartar tribes strove to break through this huge barrier, and for ten centuries they were flung back.

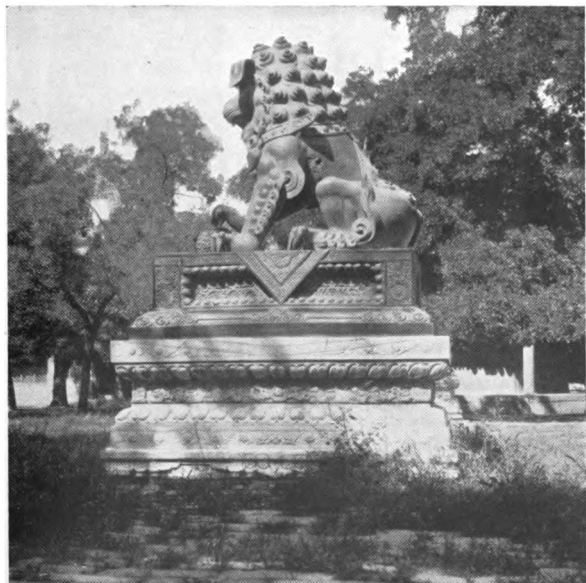
This part of the Great Wall dates only from the Ming Dynasty, and is in good repair. I walked for several miles along the top of the wall, which keeps to the crest line of the hills, and from the watch towers in olden days, marauding tribes could be seen many miles distant, thus giving ample warning for the defence. To the east and west, the wall stretched like a great serpent, dipping into the valleys, climbing over rocky precipices, until at length, far away in the distance, it disappeared over the highest hill top, many thousand feet above the sea.

Returning in the cool of the evening to Nankou and its village inn, the following day saw me back in Peking, once more among the temples of every religion that this all embracing capital delights to honour.

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ARCH IN THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN.



THE GUARDIAN OF THE LLAMA TEMPLE.



## **A Shooting Trip from Khartoum.**

BY LIEUTENANT C. D. EYRE.

HAVING been quartered with the Headquarters of the 1st Battalion at Khartoum last winter, I feel that perhaps it might be of some use, and possibly of some interest, to my brother Officers if I gave them some account of my experiences during a two months' shooting trip on the Dinder.

The ease and cheapness with which one can do a big game shooting trip, is perhaps the only advantage of being quartered at Khartoum, and eight of the 1st Battalion Officers availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them. Our trips varied from five weeks to three and a half months, and all with the exception of myself went up the White Nile.

I myself chose the Dinder River; and will try to give some account of what to expect to find there, and of how to get to it. Until this year, out of the number of people who came up from Egypt to shoot big game in the Soudan, nearly all went up the White Nile, only about six a season trying the Dinder River. This year, however, there was a rush for the Dinder, and I found myself behind fifteen or twenty others.

The advantages or disadvantages of the two different trips are roughly these: for a trip on the White Nile, a native sailing boat is hired, and a little wooden house built on deck, which is one's home, and a very small one, too, I should imagine. This boat is sent on about three weeks ahead for two or three hundred miles up the river, where it waits until you arrive by steamer from Khartoum; you then sail to the place you intend to start shooting from, and I should fancy feel rather short of exercise by the time you arrive there.

The mosquitoes some way up the river are supposed to be the worst in the world, and after sunset you live

in a mosquito house, with great canvas boots on, stretching up the whole leg like waders, to prevent them biting through your trousers.

But if you get the two elephants which the licence allows, the tusks average so large that they will go a long way to pay for your expenses, and round Lake No, lives that very local and beautiful kob, the Mrs. Grey of which your licence allows you one.

But as I hope some brother Officer who went up the White Nile will give an account of his trip to the *Chronicle*, it is out of place for me to write about it who have not been there; I have only said this much to draw a short comparison between the two trips.

I started from Khartoum at the end of January, 1907, with two months' leave. The Blue Nile at that time of the year is so low that it is unnavigable for any thing except native sailing boats, which are slower than camels. The following was my party:—Rifleman F. Fell, my soldier servant, a native servant (by name "Saleh"), and three camel boys, one donkey (the gamest little beast in the Soudan), two trotting camels, and seven baggage camels. The donkey and the two trotting camels I bought before starting, as I thought it would be more economical than hiring; the price of a moderate riding camel is about £12 to £15 at Khartoum. The baggage camels were hired at the rate of 10 P.T. or 2s. 2d. a day each; this covers everything. The camel boys provide food for themselves, and no wages are paid them; on days that the camels are in standing camp, and no work is done by them, there should be an arrangement made that they are only paid half-price.

The first part of my journey from Khartoum to Senga, about 220 miles, is as dull as it could be. Following the Blue Nile up all the way, it took me ten days, averaging twenty-two miles a day, quite enough on a camel; the average rate of pace of the trotting camels, or "hygeens" as they are called, was four miles an hour, and the baggage camels or "namla" two and three-quarters.

The road goes up the left bank of the river in the country called the "Ghezireh," which is between the Blue and White Nile, and is either desert or endless durrha fields, and most monotonous travelling.

At Senga there are four or five English Officers or Government officials, and most hospitable they were. There I was much cheered up by hearing that an elephant had been shot by one of them two days before on the Dinder River, only a march away.

At Senga I was provided with two guides, who were supposed to understand tracking as well; they were the best that could be found for me, as all the good ones were already engaged by parties in front. Both these gentlemen I sacked within four days, the head one for being incurably lazy and ignorant, and suffering from a disease I had no desire to catch, and the other one for losing his way within two days of his native village; this latter was an exceptional fool, as the one thing these Arabs are good at is finding their way and direction in an interminable forest.

At Durraba I got two new guides; the head one a handsome old Arab called "Moosa," a nice old man, and the first half of our time together quite energetic, but on the way home he was out of health, and did no more work than necessary; he was no tracker, beyond possessing the ordinary sort of woodcraft which every native couldn't help knowing who lives in a country full of game; on two occasions also, I rather think his courage failed him, but I may be wrong. My other guide, "Rahma" was a young Arab, whom it was quite impossible to tire; he was excellent at finding his way, but was no shikari either. If he thought he was near buffalo or elephant, he used to get excited and begin playing about with the trigger of my rifle, saying he was going to shoot it himself, until he was forcibly reminded that he was not to; I purposely taught neither of these two how to load or work the safety catches of my rifles.

While talking of guides I will just mention that I



afterwards heard that there were only two really good shikaris in this part of the country.

All this country from Khartoum to the Dinder is inhabited by Arab tribes, some of whom are almost black in colour. There are also a certain number of real blacks from the White Nile, who act as servants to the Arabs.

The Dinder River rises in the highlands of Abyssinia, and joins the Blue Nile near Wad-Medani. At this time of the year it is really not a river at all, but a dry, sandy bed with numerous large and small pools. Surface water is very plentiful, and everywhere it is only necessary to dig a foot or so into the sand to obtain most beautiful water. From Senga I struck across to the Dinder, twenty-six miles away, which journey has to be done in one march, there being no water on the way.

I camped at a village called Khalmisa, between which village and Durraba is the best country for elephant on the Dinder; the vegetation is much more luxurious down there than further up the river. I spent four days in this bit of country without finding elephants, and only saw quantities of old tracks where they had been three or four days before, when one had been shot, and then I pushed on up the river, determining to have another search for them on the return journey. In this part of the country there was no game except elephants and oribi.

Durraba is the last village on the Dinder till the Abyssinian border is reached 100 miles further up, and when I came back even this village was deserted, as the natives told me the durrha crops had not been a success, and the elephants had done a lot of damage to them.

Before the Mahdi rising all this uninhabited part of the river was alive with Arabs and stock at certain times of the year, but his rule temporarily ruined this country.

Two days on I saw my first buffalo, at a place called Ereif-el-dik. Tracking up single buffalo I thought quite the best and most exciting sport. Buffalo at the beginning of the season are very numerous in large herds,

but as I had said before, there were at least fifteen other people in front of me, who had all gone up the same way, and were all after buffalo, so all the herds in the country had vanished to secluded places known only to themselves, and I never saw a herd till a long way back on my return journey, when I had quite given up hope of seeing one at all.

But besides these herds all along the river there were old bulls who led a solitary life, or else in pairs, and many a morning I have spent after these, but only twice did I track them to their mid-day resting place.

A buffalo's habit is to feed at night, and about an hour before dawn to go and have a final drink in one of the pools, in the sandy river bed; he then wanders about for an hour or so going a bit inland, or taking a short cut to another bend of the river. Finally he chooses a nice shady place to lie down during the heat of the day; his usual choice I found was an island in the river bed, of which there are many, with the thickest of reeds well over one's head.

At daybreak one was of course on the move, and probably didn't have to walk more than three or four miles along the river bed before one found where a buffalo had watered two or three hours previously. Then came the tracking him up to his mid-day resting place, which on the sand or hard soil was within the capabilities of my guides and self. Through the reeds, however, it was very different, as they were intersected by innumerable tracks of former buffalos, and on the dry, broken down reeds, it was beyond my guides' intelligence to say whether they were fresh tracks or a fortnight old. After four or five hundred yards of this we were probably at a loss and wandering haphazard trying to put him up; sometimes he would hear or wind us crackling through the reeds, and we would hear, but not see him charging away from us. Even if one was not successful, this tracking was always exciting, as there is a good chance of these savage old bulls charging at you, and not away from you.

The first morning I tried this was one of the two occasions I succeeded in getting a shot. Fell was with me and Moosa tracking, when suddenly I saw a buffalo watching us from fifty yards off. Owing to my shaky aim, due to excitement, and the weight of a .450 rifle, shooting standing, he did not fall, but charged away wounded. Moosa now pretended he couldn't track him a yard, and wandered about in the opposite direction to which he had seen him start off in, and nothing would persuade him he had gone the other way. I fancy he wanted no more of him, as a wounded buffalo is supposed to lie behind a bush and charge out at his followers, or else turn hunter himself, walking in a circle round on his old tracks and charge from the rear. Possibly old Moosa had no confidence in my shooting, anyhow it was a great disappointment to me.

My party was now reinforced by half a dozen camp followers, for the rest of my trip I never had less than four, and sometimes as many as ten. I paid them nothing, and they simply came to eat fresh meat, and dry what they couldn't eat to take back to their villages. I didn't discourage them, as they were sometimes useful in bringing in and skinning a dead beast, and if one shot a large animal like a roan antelope, one felt the meat was not wasted. An Arab has an incredible desire and capacity for eating fresh meat.

One of them I taught to prepare and skin heads; these he did for the modest amount of 6d. each, and very well they have turned out. They were preserved with half salt and half alum mixed. Beyond Ereif-el-dik game became very numerous; Soemmering's gazelle, commonly called ariel, in extraordinary numbers, reedbuck very common, tiang hartebeest numerous near the marshes, and tora hartebeest to be got without any difficulty.

I soon had all I wanted of these; after shooting two good heads of each sort, the desire of shooting them stops, although it was sometimes necessary to keep the camp supplied with fresh meat, and so keep the Arabs from grumbling.

Roan and waterbuck being more prized heads, and nothing like so common, were far more difficult to get, as the parties in front of me had all taken their toll of them. In the end I got two roan, but it was not till my return journey I managed to shoot a waterbuck, the only male I saw the whole trip, but I had seen several herds of female and young. There was usually a wart-hog or two near each marsh, but I never saw a good tusker; on the other hand, they are the best meat to be had up there.

The nature of the country bordering the Dinder is continual forest, stretching for miles on either side, no jungle or country difficult to walk through, and practically no undergrowth, the trees being small and of different varieties, but one and all thorny. At intervals along the river "khors" run inland for three or four miles; these are open spaces two or three miles in breadth, which in the wet season would be swamps, but in the dry season have little water in them; these are the places where the different buck all collect in large quantities and feed in the early morning and evening, and one of the difficulties in stalking the beast you want to shoot is getting past the ariel and reedbuck scattered all over the place without them giving the alarm.

The guinea fowl are most annoying, as they collect together and run away in front of one until a moment when you particularly wish they didn't exist, when they get up together with a tremendous noise, several hundreds at a time, and every animal in the place turns his head to see what the commotion is about.

The number of guinea fowl all along the river is wonderful; I don't think I am exaggerating when I say that, standing in one place for five minutes, I have seen five hundred come down to a pool to drink.

A place called Semsir was the furthest camp I got to; this was about forty miles from the place where the Abyssinian border crosses the river, and I now very much regret not having pushed on harder in order to have got there, as close to the border kudu and bushbuck

are not uncommon, and they didn't exist as far as I got; but with a limited leave, I was afraid of getting too far away without being able to get back in time.

Lion also were common near the border; I was very unlucky with lion, being the only person up the Dinder this year whom I have met or heard about who didn't even see one, and most people shot one or two; they all said, however, that they didn't hunt for them, but only met them by chance. I believe there is more luck in finding lion than anything else.

At Semsir I had my chance at elephant, and missed it. After a very hard morning's walk, I was beginning to lunch at 11 a.m., when two Arabs came and told me there were two elephants close to camp. I at once went after them, trying to keep as many of the camp followers from coming as possible, but they dearly love an elephant hunt, and at least four thought they couldn't be dispensed with, all armed with spears, which no Arab up there goes without. Fell I took with me, feeling doubly as safe with him armed behind me. We found them all right within quarter of a mile from camp, resting under a tree, both bulls. Provided they don't get your wind, I believe there is no easier animal to approach than an elephant, as they are very blind, and don't seem to pay much attention to noise.

Without any enormous amount of skill and a good deal of noise, I got to a place within fifty yards of them, but one had his tail towards me, and the vital parts of the other were hidden. The only thing to do was to wait until they should move to get a shot; this they did after about five minutes, but not quite as I hoped, in fact they suddenly seemed to become aware of danger, and began walking straight towards me with their ears out. The only shot possible seemed the forehead one, which I believe only comes off about once in fifty times with the African elephant. With a thumping heart, to put it mildly, I fired and "pulled," hitting one of them through the ear; this, luckily, instead of enraging him, turned them both and they trotted off, we after them.

Instead of loading again, as I did, I know I ought to have fired my second barrel, but didn't take the risk. I soon found the wounded one dashing about trying to find someone to charge, and got two more shots into his broadside at about 150 yards, but unless one gets the right places, namely where the back corner of the ear rests on the body, or a small spot half-way between the ear and the eye, he would go away with fifty bullets. Both elephants now crossed a donga at the same place, at the bottom of which there was a spot of blood, but on the further side they divided, and for more than an hour we followed the tracks of one of them, which they were all quite certain was the wounded one; we soon came to the conclusion that he was going strong. Exhaustion after an hour or so in the mid-day sun stopped me from going further, but I sent two Arabs on, who came back later and said he was going as if he didn't mean stopping that day.

It was in the evening that we discovered that after crossing the donga we had taken up the tracks of the wrong one. This comes of having worthless shikaris. Some more men now followed the tracks of the wounded one for some way, but there was only a very occasional drop of blood, and he was going strong by his tracks, so they couldn't catch him up, and I hope and feel certain he is still alive. I feel that if ever I have the luck to be face to face with an elephant again, I will manage better and be more collected.

After three or four days at that camp, I had to start home, by no means pleased with myself, having seen no lion, missed an elephant, possibly not able to find buffalo or waterbuck, and not having time to get to the Abyssinian border to get a kudu.

I may say here that Abyssinia is forbidden ground without special leave. The first day back made me rather more hopeful, as I got a waterbuck, the only male of any size I saw the whole trip, and as he had a fair head I was satisfied as regards them. My best chance of getting buffalo, I thought, would be to go round a big bend of

the river, taking three or four days doing it, instead of cutting across through the forest, which was the ordinary route up the river, and had been taken by all the parties in front of me; the bend of the river I knew had not been disturbed for at least a month.

My first morning's hunt from a place called Bideina I tracked an old buffalo for two and a half hours up and down the river until his tracks led us on to an island, where knowing their habits, we felt pretty certain he would be lying down. We walked it up and for once were successful; he charged at us from underneath a bush, not more than twenty yards away, but changed his mind and turned down a hollow between us, giving me an excellent opportunity for a double barrel into his shoulder; he was mortally wounded and soon stopped, swaying about facing us, and I easily finished him off with another shot. He was an enormous old bull, with not a large head, but all worn and rugged; he was at least a third as big again as any I saw in a herd the next day.

The natives say that there are two varieties up there, one large, black and savage, the other smaller, reddish and quieter. I certainly saw both sorts, but I believe it is only a question of age, as both varieties are seen in the same herd.

This one was evidently the large black variety, but he had practically no hair on his body. The next day in the marsh I came across a herd, and got a young bull out of them. The following morning, going out again after the herd, I soon came across them, numbering fifty or sixty, and got another; this turned out to be a cow, which I shot, thinking she was a bull, as she had got such a splendid head, and I wasn't at all sorry afterwards I had made the mistake.

I didn't enjoy shooting buffalo out of a herd nearly as much as tracking single bulls, as at the shot they stampede like a herd of buck, making a tremendous noise as they sweep down the dried reeds in front of them, the chief danger being that in their fright they may stampede in your direction.

After getting these buffalo I was a good deal happier, and made for the lower part of the river, which the elephant frequent. My guides promised to be able to find them for me before I left, so I put by four or five days to try and get one. My attempt ended in failure, moving from camp to camp trying to locate them, but never reaching them.

The night before the last day I could possibly spare for the elephant, a large herd passed within 100 yards of my tent on their way to water. They were so close that at first I mistook them for Fell or the natives dragging about trees for the morning's fire, as elephants moving along knock down trees and branches with their trunks out of apparently sheer devilment, or to get at some tasty green branches out of reach; but by the time I was out of bed with my rifle they had passed, and it was no use trying to follow them. The next morning I thought I really would have a chance of being able to catch them up, as they usually rest in the heat of the day, but after travelling for miles had to give it up.

It was now time to push on back to Khartoum for all I was worth, and as crossing the desert between Senga and Gaz-Abu-Guma on the White Nile, and thence taking the steamboat on down to Khartoum, saves four days on the route going down the Blue Nile, I chose this way of going back. It is a horrible march across on a camel, lasting three days, and the distance is just under one hundred miles, also all water has to be carried, as there is none on the way.

Besides the game I have already written about, I twice saw giraffe; they are not at all uncommon there I am told, but your licence does not allow you to shoot them, and I can't say that I wanted to, as they don't even supply a trophy, except their skin. Leopard are fairly common, but not often seen; I once caught a glimpse of one, but had no time to shoot. Hyænas are fairly common, and howl round the camp every night; they also are very bold in their thefts, stealing meat from alongside a sleeping man.



In one or two of the larger pools in the river there is a school of hippopotami, but I bothered very little about trying to get one. Rhino are rare, and are not allowed to be shot except in self-defence. A party in front of me, which I afterwards met, told me that one night, while they were having dinner, a rhinoceros charged into their camp and disembowelled a camel, and was gone in a moment, a quite uncalled for attack. On another occasion they met one when out shooting, but couldn't induce him to charge even by throwing stones at him, and therefore couldn't shoot him.

Birds are very plentiful, varied and beautiful. I started by trying to make a collection of skins, but owing to want of time and the difficulty of carrying them about without damaging them, I gave it up. Guinea fowl and doves are found in extraordinary quantities, and although not much sport to shoot, always varied the menu. Sandgrouse are very common on the Blue Nile, and give very sporting shots when they come down to water in the morning.

The Dinder swarms with crocodiles and fish, and of course they are all collected in the dry season in the occasional pools. I bitterly regretted having taken no tackle with me, as with even the roughest tackle and bait, I could have had very good fun and a very acceptable change of diet.

Two brother Officers had leave for just the same time as I had, but they went up the White Nile, and when we got back we found our sport had been very much the same; they got that much prized trophy, Mrs. Gray's kob, and also white-eared kob, but not tora hartebeest nor ariel gazelle, which are common up the Dinder.

Below I give a list of the animals which are to be found on the Blue Nile and Dinder, giving the number allowed to be shot of each for one licence; also my bag during two months' trip, with the measurement of the largest head I got of each. The price of a licence to the

ordinary public is £40, but to an Officer or official serving in the Soudan £5.

Name of Animal	Licence allows	Shot by me	Largest head
Giraffe - - -	none	—	—
Rhinoceros - - -	„	—	—
Elephant - - -	2	—	—
Kudu - - -	2	—	—
Hippopotamus - - -	4	—	—
Buffalo - - -	4	3	35 $\frac{3}{4}$ (cow)
Roan Antelope - - -	4	2	29 $\frac{3}{4}$
Waterbuck (defassa) - - -	4	1	29 $\frac{1}{4}$
Bushbuck (Tragelaphus) - - -	4	—	—
Reedbuck (Cervicaria redunca cottoni) - - -	4	4	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tora Hartebeest - - -	4	3	18 $\frac{3}{4}$
Tiang Hartebeest - - -	12	3	23 $\frac{1}{4}$
Ariel Gazelle (Gazella Sœmmeringi typica) - - -	12	7	16
Isabella Gazelle - - -	12	1	9 $\frac{3}{8}$
Gazelda Ruffirons - - -	12	—	—
Warthog - - -	12	3	—
Abyssinian Oribi - - -	12	7	3 $\frac{1}{4}$

Lion and Leopard, no limit to number which may be shot.

I can only add that it was the pleasantest two months I have ever spent, with the exception of the journey to and from Senga, which was dull and monotonous. To anyone who thought of making this trip, I would recommend the following route, instead of the one taken by me:—Leave Khartoum by steamboat for Renk on the White Nile, this I believe is three days; there, according to previous arrangement, camels should be waiting to cross the desert from Renk to Roseires on the Blue Nile, this is four or five days, and I believe there is no water on the way, so sufficient camels would have to be taken to carry it; at Roseires have fresh camels and cross to the Dinder, I think there is track across leading to the Abyssinian frontier; then work down the Dinder to Khalmisa, and cross over to Senga on the Blue Nile, and so home. By following this route, one ought to get lion, kudu, and bushbuck.

The heat in March was intense, but at that time of the year it was moderately healthy; neither Fell nor

myself got fever, but three out of the four natives I started from Khartoum with got attacks of malaria.

In conclusion I must say a word in praise of Rifleman Fell; he acted as my cook, always energetic, cheery and resourceful, he made all the difference to me, and sometimes I would have been very bored without him. I believe he enjoyed the trip as much as I did.

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## **Green Jackets Week at Winchester.**

[*From the "Hampshire Chronicle."*]

THE Green Jacket week in Winchester this year was a most eventful one, as, indeed, it has become the custom of Green Jacket week to be since the return of the Rifle Depôt to the city. Before that time, the week's cricket at St. Cross, and the annual meetings of the Green Jackets and the Rifleman's Aid Society—both of which meetings are more or less private in character—used to constitute the programme of the week, but in the last year or two advantage has been taken of the presence in the city of large numbers of distinguished visitors to organise events of a charitable nature. Last year Colonel E. W. Herbert, C.B., the officer in command of the Depôt, arranged for a military tattoo on the barrack square in aid of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, and of Military Charities, and it proved so successful that he this year organised a similar event on more ambitious lines. Then, too, the week was made memorable from the fact that the city was visited by Royalty, chiefly in connection with the important garden *fête* and bazaar which was opened at Wolvesey on July 18th on behalf of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, which grand institution stands in need of much increased support.

The series of cricket matches for the week commenced on July 15th at St. Cross. In recent years the music of the week has been supplied by the band of the 4th Battalion King's Royal Rifles, but the proceedings this year have been sufficiently heavy to warrant the attendance, also, of the band of the 3rd Battalion Rifle Brigade, which was engaged to play at the Hospital *fête*. On alternate days these bands, assisted by the buglers of the respective battalions, discoursed admirable programmes of music on the cricket ground, the King's

Royal Rifles band being conducted by Bandmaster Parkes, and the Rifle Brigade band by Bandmaster Stevens. Altogether the bands had a busy week, and acquitted themselves splendidly. Besides playing at the cricket ground, the tattoo, and the Hospital *fête*, they gave selections on the Dépôt square in the evenings, and the public again very highly appreciated the privilege of being admitted to the square to listen to the performances, large crowds having availed themselves of it.

The attendance of members of the Green Jackets Club during the week was large and representative. It has not been an unusual thing to have a visit during the week of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, while General Sir Redvers Buller has very often attended, but this year neither found it possible to pay a visit. Many Officers of the King's Royal Rifles and the Rifle Brigade were present during the week.

The greatest amount of interest probably centred round the regimental match on Wednesday and Thursday, which is naturally regarded as the game of the week. This fact makes it all the more regrettable that the 60th Rifles were not able to come out at full strength, although, despite this, it was an excellent game from the spectators' point of view. When stumps were drawn on July 20th the total runs for the five days amounted to no less than 2,563. Honour should be first given, perhaps, to Captain C. Shawe, who consistently made big scores, and up to the 19th had a total of 277 runs standing to his credit. Several players succeeded in making their century, *viz.*, Hon. J. S. R. Tufton (102), Mr. W. M. Parker (104), Captain Blundell (127), and Mr. E. R. Wilson (136). Other scores worthy of special mention are those of Captain Wynyard (97), Mr. G. T. Lee (90), Captain C. Shawe (65, 58, 77, and 76 not out), Mr. Sloggett (78), Captain Soltau-Symons (57), Mr. H. B. Chinnery (57), Colonel G. H. Thesiger (55 and 48), Mr. Toynbee (48), Mr. J. R. Head (46), Major Hordern (41), etc. As to bowling, the best performances have been those of Mr. Sloggett, who on Monday took

six of the Zingari wickets for 22 runs, and Captain Shawe, who dismissed five of the 60th Rifles at the small cost of 20 runs.

#### MEETING OF THE GREEN JACKETS' CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Green Jackets' Club took place at the pavilion, St. Cross, on Wednesday morning, there being a large attendance of members. The chair was occupied by General Sir H. R. L. Newdigate, K.C.B., and the business was of a formal character. Suitable reference was made to the loss sustained by the Club during the year by the death of General Lord Alexander Russell, G.C.B., who held the position of perpetual President of the Club, and who was for many years one of the most prominent and familiar figures present at the proceedings of Green Jacket week. The members elected General the Hon. Sir N. G. Lyttelton, R.B., to succeed him in the office of perpetual President.

#### THE RIFLEMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society, which grew out of the Riflemen's Relief and Employment Fund, was also held on Wednesday morning. The Society, which has fulfilled over twenty-four years of extremely useful work, has the patronage of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and is conducted on admirable and well-organised lines. Its headquarters are at Winchester, the President of the Executive Committee being Colonel E. W. Herbert, C.B., and the Secretary, Major T. M. Riley. General Sir H. R. L. Newdigate presided over the annual meeting, at which the twenty-fourth report and statement of accounts were received and considered.

#### THE MILITARY TATTOO.

The military tattoo and torchlight display on the Rifle Depot Square was a grand and picturesque sight. Colonel Herbert had arranged for this event to take place on July 17th, and it was carried through without the least

apparent hitch, this fact speaking well for the great care which had been taken in the rehearsals of the various difficult evolutions which had to be performed by those taking part. The whole proceedings were admirably organised, and reflected the greatest credit on Colonel Herbert and all who had assisted him in the undertaking, more especially the Adjutant (Captain Maitland) and the acting Sergeant-Major (Colour-Sergeant Robinson). A word of praise must be added for the intelligent and well-disciplined manner in which the different figures were enacted by the companies taking part, and by the Trafalgar House School company, who gave splendid assistance. Such admirable causes as the Royal Hampshire County Hospital and the Military Charities were sufficient to attract the appreciative patronage of all classes, and the enormous concourse of people present was really a sight worth seeing. So great was the demand for tickets of admission that towards the last it was a matter of difficulty to obtain a ticket at all—at least this may be said of the better priced tickets, which naturally secured to the holder a better position for viewing the performance. H.R.H. Princess Louise came to the tattoo, and occupied a prominent place on a commodious grand stand which Colonel Herbert had caused to be erected in front of the officers' quarters, and which commanded a grand view of the whole of the Square. On all sides of the Square people assembled in great numbers, and their total must have reached many hundreds. All the windows of the great buildings surrounding the Square seemed also to be fully occupied, and from these points of vantage the spectacle must have been witnessed to the greatest advantage. The programme was timed to commence at 9 p.m., and very shortly after that hour the bands and torch-bearers entered the Square. The musicians were the bands and buglers of the 4th Batt. King's Royal Rifles and the 3rd Batt. Rifle Brigade, together with the buglers of the Rifle Depôt, whilst torch-bearers comprised two companies each of the King's Royal Rifles and the Rifle Brigade, and the Trafalgar

House School company. The last-named took up their allotted position before the advance of the other companies. The King's Royal Rifles and Rifle Brigade companies entered consecutively at different ends of the Square, each being preceded by their own band, playing the respective regimental marches. The four companies then formed a cross in the centre. The combined bugle bands followed, and marched round the cross, playing an inspiring march, and ending by forming up and sounding the "First Post." The whole of the four companies then faced towards the officers' quarters, and, accompanied by one of the bands, sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," the effect of the rendering in the open-air, and from amidst the lurid glare of the torches, being very fine. Afterwards the companies moved into position on either side of the Square, those of the King's Royal Rifles going to the east and west, and those of the Rifle Brigade to the north and south sides. Each company consisted of two ranks of thirteen men each. The first torchlight figure was the picturesque one known as inter-marching, all the companies moving together towards the centre of the Square, and passing through each other to the opposite side, afterwards again crossing when returning to their original positions. Next came the formation of the King's Royal Rifles' cap badge, in the execution of which the front ranks advanced to the centre and formed a square, while the rear ranks also advanced, but dropped off, man by man, at a given number of paces, so as to form the necessary diagonal lines extending from each corner of the square. At a given signal the men constituting the lines knelt down, and the lighted torches conveyed an excellent idea of the picturesque badge with which we are all so familiar. In the third figure the Trafalgar House boys played an important part, and it was exceedingly pretty, but somewhat too complicated to be described with sufficient clearness to be understood. The movements were difficult, and had to be timed to the greatest nicety. In the course of the figure the process known as trooping the colours



was gone through, the Union Jack being carried by one of the School company. The fourth figure, "The Wheel," involved another exceedingly clever movement. The four Rifle companies proceeded at a slow march to the centre, and came together in close formation so as to make a cross, of which each company formed an arm. Each arm then proceeded to revolve round the centre with perfect regularity, producing a really splendid effect, and showing to what a very fine degree the movements of each man had been brought. In the fifth and last figure a pretty picture was produced, reminding one a good deal of a walk through a maze. The Rifle companies advanced—first the front ranks and then the rear ranks—to certain positions, and were then surrounded by the School company, posted at regular intervals, forming a circle. The latter faced about and remained stationary, while the companies inside the ring, by marching round—one rank to the right, the next to the left, and so on—created a picturesque spectacle. The movements in each of the figures were splendidly accompanied by the two bands, playing alternately, while each supplied an item to the programme in the shape of a selection, the King's Royal Rifle band playing "Tannhauser" (Wagner), and the Rifle Brigade band "Beauty of Bath." The audience was unstinting in its appreciation of every item, whether musical or otherwise, and the clever work of the Trafalgar House boys drew special applause. At the close there was a grand parade of the torchlight companies, the Trafalgar boys leading with the Union Jack in front, while the combined bands followed playing "Under the Double Eagle," and after them came the Rifle companies. A fine tableau at the termination of the march was made still more striking when the stillness was broken by the sounding of the "Last Post," which the combined buglers accomplished with unerring precision. Following on this the men sang the evening hymn, "Abide with me," which was thrilling in its effectiveness, and the playing of the National Anthem concluded a very delightful evening.

## CRICKET OF THE WEEK.

### GREEN JACKETS *v.* I ZINGARI.

The week's cricket opened, as usual, with a match between the Green Jackets and the I Zingari, and the game was an evenly contested one, ultimately resulting in a draw. The teams got through an innings each on Monday, the last wicket of the Green Jackets being taken in the final over for the day, and they were then 22 runs behind. At 6.30 on Tuesday, the Green Jackets wanted some 80 runs to win, and had three wickets in hand. Two were disposed of cheaply, and the last man went in at 6.45, when Wynne-Finch joined Sloggett, and the two together made an interesting finish to the day's match, playing out time. Messrs. Goodyear and Freemantle were the umpires. Score :—

I ZINGARI.		1st inns.	2nd inns.		
Capt. E. G. Wynyard, hit wkt, b Parker	...	38	c Blundell, b Parker	...	97
E. E. Steel, c Shawe, b Soltau-Symons	...	12	c Wynne-Finch, b Blundell	...	30
H. B. Chinnery, c Toynbee, b Parker	...	5	c Lee, b Blundell	...	57
Hon. J. S. R. Tufton, b Sloggett	...	102	c Toynbee, b Tod	...	40
G. N. Buckstone, c Shawe, b Parker	...	16	c Toynbee, b Parker	...	10
J. R. Head, c Blundell, b Sloggett	...	36	st Wynne-Finch, b Blundell	...	46
H. W. de Zoete, b Sloggett	...	7	b Parker	...	16
Hon. Claude Lambton, b Sloggett	...	5	not out	...	16
A. C. Macpherson of Cluny, b Sloggett	...	2	run out	...	9
Hesketh-Prichard, b Sloggett	...	8	run out	...	4
F. H. Browning, not out	...	1	c Shawe, b Todd	...	22
Extras	...	20	Extras	...	18
		252			365

GREEN JACKETS.		1st inns.	2nd inns.	
G. T. Lee, b Hesketh-Prichard	...	7	c Hesketh-Prichard, b Tufton	34
G. P. R. Toynbee, b Hesketh-Prichard	...	22	c Head, b Hesketh-Prichard	14
W. M. Parker, c Buckstone, b Steel	...	19	lbw, b Macpherson of Cluny	104
Capt. C. Shawe, st Buckstone, b Hesketh-Prichard	...	65	c Macpherson of Cluny, b Chinnery	58
A. J. H. Sloggett, c Browning, b Steel	...	0	not out	20
Capt. D. H. Blundell, b Lambton	...	25	b Hesketh-Prichard	19
Capt. G. Soltau-Symons, c Buckstone, b Hesketh-Prichard	...	57	st Buckstone, b Tufton	0
A. A. Tod, c and b Steel	...	2	st Buckstone, b Tufton	0
G. Wynne-Finch, b Chinnery	...	0	not out	18
M. F. Blake, not out	...	9	c Buckstone, b Tufton	3
Col. G. H. Thesiger, b Hesketh-Prichard	...	11	b Tufton	48
Extras	...	15	Extras	15
		232	333	

### 60TH RIFLES *v.* RIFLE BRIGADE.

This fixture, which generally produces some excellent cricket, commenced on Wednesday, July 17th, and had a somewhat unusual result, inasmuch as the game was decided, the Rifle Brigade winning by five wickets. We believe it to be some ten years ago since there was a win in this fixture, all the intermediate games being drawn. The team of the 60th Rifles was not a representative one, owing to the fact the

3rd Battalion were on manœuvres, while the Rifle Brigade were at full strength. This fact doubtless had a bearing on the result, but there was an unfortunate incident, which undoubtedly placed the 60th Rifles at a disadvantage. This was, that at the close of their first innings on Thursday morning, the eleventh man was absent through a misunderstanding, and they were then exactly a hundred runs behind the Rifle Brigade, the consequence being that they had to follow on. Had the last man gone in, and only one run been scored for the tenth wicket, the follow on would have been saved, and there would have been every chance of another draw being recorded. As it was, Capt. Blundell and Major Hordern made a fine stand for the fourth wicket in the second innings, carrying the score to 166 before the latter got run out. Capt. Blundell remained in for some time afterwards, batting splendidly for a total of 127, while Sergt. Symons added a useful 32. The innings ended about 4.30, and the Rifle Brigade required 179 runs to win. The remaining play was rather slow, but the Rifle Brigade had still twenty minutes to spare when the winning stroke was made, with five wickets in hand. Messrs. Elliott and Freemantle acted as umpires. Score:—

RIFLE BRIGADE.		1st inns.	2nd inns.
Col. G. H. Thesiger, c Lee, b Blundell	...	37	c Wynne-Finch, b Weston 55
G. P. R. Toynbee, c and b Symons	...	22	not out ... 49
Capt. C. Shawe, b Weston	...	77	c Symons, b Weston 0
W. M. Parker, b Weston	...	0	c Wynne-Finch, b Symons 21
H. C. Moore-Gwyn, b Weston	...	0	b Weston ... 10
Capt. S. E. Hollond, b Blundell	...	52	not out ... 1
A. J. H. Sloggett, st Wynne-Finch, b Stuart-Wortley	...	73	c Wynne-Finch, b Weston 33
A. A. Tod, not out	...	19	
A. K. Hargraves, run out	...	1	
Capt. Hon. H. Dawnay, b Symons	...	1	
W. M. Banbury, b Symons	...	0	
Extras	...	22	Extras ... 10
		300	(for 5 wickets) 179
60TH RIFLES.		1st inns.	2nd inns.
G. T. Lee, c Toynbee, b Banbury	...	90	c Sloggett, b Moore-Gwyn 20
M. F. Blake, b Parker	...	10	c Parker, b Tod ... 14
Major G. V. Hordern, lbw, b Parker	...	19	run out ... 41
Capt. D. H. Blundell, b Parker	...	2	c Thesiger, b Shawe ... 127
C. J. T. R. Wingfield, run out	...	3	c Toynbee, b Shawe ... 8
G. Wynne-Finch, b Parker	...	0	c Tod, b Moore-Gwyn ... 9
Sergt. Symons, b Tod	...	18	lbw, b Shawe ... 32
H. M. Watson, not out	...	24	b Tod ... 13
Major Hon. A. R. Stuart-Wortley, lbw, b Moore-Gwyn	...	12	b Shawe ... 1
C. V. L. Poe, c and b Moore-Gwyn	...	4	c Tod, b Shawe ... 7
Rifleman Weston, absent	...	0	not out ... 0
Extras	...	18	Extras ... 6
		200	278

#### GREEN JACKETS v. FREE FORESTERS.

The concluding match of the week opened on July 19th, when the conditions were again in every way favourable for heavy scoring.

Mr. Wilson, for the Foresters, was responsible for a splendid innings of 136 runs, which was considerably more than half the total score of his side, namely, 251. The Green Jackets made an admirable start, compiling 53 for the first wicket, and 134 for the second. The match resulted in a win for the Green Jackets by 9 wickets. Score :—

FREE FORESTERS.		1st inns.	2nd inns.
E. R. Wilson, c Shawe, b Tod	...	136	c Lee, b Tod ... 0
C. R. Gillett, c Moore-Gwyn, b Parker	...	31	c Wynne-Finch, b Tod ... 19
R. L. G. Irving, c Wynne-Finch, b Parker	...	12	b Tod ... 11
Capt. C. H. Bunbury, c Moore-Gwyn, b Parker	...	0	c Lee, b Tod ... 4
Sir F. Hervey-Bathurst, run out	...	11	c Blake, b Shawe ... 4
F. H. Nimmo, lbw, b Moore-Gwyn	...	0	not out ... 18
C. T. Allen, c Wynne-Finch, b Tod	...	17	lbw, b Shawe ... 11
E. A. J. Maynard, c Parker, b Tod	...	5	c and b Tod ... 7
F. G. B. Stevens, c and b Tod	...	23	c Watson, b Tod ... 23
J. L. Waggett, not out	...	5	b Tod ... 12
J. C. Lucas, lbw, b Parker	...	1	st Wynne-Finch, b Tod ... 7
S. W. Cattley, c Blake, b Tod	...	1	b Tod ... 16
Extras	...	9	Extras ... 12
		251	144
GREEN JACKETS.		1st inns.	2nd inns.
Col. G. H. Thesiger, b Gillett	...	30	
G. P. R. Toynbee, b Wilson	...	48	
Capt. C. Shawe, b Gillett	...	87	
W. M. Parker, c sub, b Wilson	...	62	
G. T. Lee, c Waggett, b Allen	...	0	
M. F. Blake, c and b Wilson	...	28	c Cattley, b Irving ... 20
Capt. A. I. Paine, st Waggett, b Wilson	...	5	
H. C. Moore-Gwyn, c Waggett, b Wilson	...	0	not out ... 13
A. A. Tod, st Waggett, b Wilson	...	33	
G. Wynne-Finch, b Allen	...	23	
H. M. Watson, not out	...	13	not out ... 4
Major L. G. Russell, st Waggett, b Wilson	...	12	
Extras	...	15	Extras ... 4
		356	41

## **The Outbreak of the Indian Mutiny.**

BY EDWIN WILSON

*(Late Band Sergeant, 1st Batt. 60th King's Royal Rifles).*

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SUNDAY, the 10th May, 1857, was intensely hot, not a cloud to be seen, the sand-hills across the plain in front of the cantonments in Meerut—an important military station some forty miles from Delhi—were hidden by the glare of the scorching sun. Towards evening the temperature had fallen a few degrees. Peace and quiet seemed to reign after the excitement and turmoil of the day before, when eighty-five sepoy had been sentenced to imprisonment for one of the greatest crimes of which a soldier can be guilty, “refusing to obey orders.”

About five o'clock Riflemen were strolling up and down the parade ground waiting for the “fall in” to sound for church parade. Many of them, like myself, had recently joined, and were thinking of the quiet Sunday evenings in their boyhood's home in old England. The church bells had commenced to give notice of the approach of the hour of prayer, when suddenly a mounted officer of the Rifles galloped through the lines, shouting, “Stand to your arms, men! The sepoy have mutinied.” The bugles rang out the “Alarm and general assembly,” and in a few minutes 1,000 Riflemen stood on parade in column of companies ready and eager for the order to proceed to action, and put down, there and then, what afterwards proved to be the greatest mutiny of armed and drilled soldiers that has ever been seen.

Thus commenced fifty years ago the great Mutiny in India. The English troops in Meerut on that Sunday evening consisted of the 1st Battalion 60th King's Royal Rifles (1,000 strong), the 6th Dragoon Guards (Carabineers, 600 strong), a battery of Artillery, and a few

other details, making a total of over 2,000 men, surely quite sufficient to give a good account of the mutineers, 3,000 or so in number. But, no! The army was there, and the hour, but not the man. A Company, to which I belonged, was ordered to make all haste down to the Treasury and secure that—it was on the way to the old gaol, which was guarded by sepoy under a native officer. When we arrived at the building the native guard turned out; we disarmed them and took over charge. Our orders on starting were on no account to fire on the mutineers. Why, it is not for me to say.

During the night fires and firing were going on continuously, and we were attacked in front by a large armed mob. My section was detailed to defend the left of a compound in front of the Treasury; the enemy came with a rush; one of them turned round the corner of the compound; I knocked him into the ditch with the butt of my rifle, and secured him. I believe that was the first prisoner taken in the Mutiny. He was hanged from a tree in the corner of the graveyard, near the Sadana Road.

I was on sentry with an old soldier named Brownlow some 200 yards in front, and about 400 yards from a range of buildings which were then on fire. On a flat roof we could see a number of people being pursued by the rebels. Brownlow turned to me and said, "I can't stand this, youngster; I shall have a shot at them in spite of the order not to fire." He took careful aim at the most prominent of them, and brought him down. Brownlow was immediately made prisoner, but was shortly afterwards released.

In the early hours of the morning the alarm was given that a large body of horse, believed to be the 3rd Light Cavalry (who had joined the mutineers), was coming down the main road. We prepared as best we could to receive them, but they turned out to be the 6th Carabineers. They drew up in front of the Treasury, and while the officer in command was speaking to our officer

(Lieutenant Austin) the native guard took the opportunity to rush out of the guard-room among and under the horses, and all escaped except the native officer and about ten men, who remained loyal. A short time after the Carabineers had gone there was a great commotion at a large bungalow about 500 yards towards the old gaol (native), which early in the evening the sepoy had broken open and released all the prisoners, including the eighty-five sentenced on Saturday. The sergeant in charge of No. 1 Section was ordered to proceed in the direction of the bungalow and find out what was taking place, but on no account to fire on anyone. They had been gone about ten minutes when shots were heard, and No. 2 Section was ordered out. In a few minutes volley after volley rang out; our officer was getting excited, but the men were smiling.

When the two sections returned an explanation was demanded. The sergeant of No. 1 said that when he arrived at the building the enemy were smashing up the furniture and setting fire to the place, and they fired on his men; he was therefore compelled in self-defence to fire on them. The sergeant of No. 2 Section said that when he got to the entrance of the compound his section was charged by ten times his number of men, and he acted in self-defence only; there the matter dropped. All the money in the Treasury was removed to the laboratory up in the cantonments, and as far as my company was concerned that ended the first night of the Mutiny.

The following morning disclosed the horrors of men, women and children mutilated beyond description, and the sight caused everyone to feel that retribution must be dealt out to the perpetrators of such atrocities. Perhaps, as a young soldier, I was not at that time able to judge the situation correctly, but in after years I have held the opinion that if any one of the grand heroes of the Mutiny had been in command in Meerut at the outbreak, the mutineers would have been smashed up, Delhi, with all its subsequent horrors, would have been saved,

and the head of the revolt broken, for as one writer says, "Delhi was the nerve-centre and head of the whole Mutiny."

Records of the Mutiny and subsequent operations, extending over three years, brought to the surface such heroic deeds performed by soldiers, civilians and women, that as Sir Owen Tudor Burne, in his book, *Clyde and Strathnairn*, says: "England may truly be grateful when she calls to mind records so brilliant and deeds so honourable, and remembers the glorious part borne by her children in handing down to posterity, notwithstanding shortcomings, failures and errors, one of the most memorable chapters in her memorable history."

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## Obituary.

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WE regret to record the deaths of the following officers during 1907 :—

LIEUT.-GENERAL SIR H. F. WILLIAMS, K.C.B., Colonel Commandant 3rd Battalion, Plymouth, 1st May.

LIEUT. G. COOKSON, 2nd Battalion, Jubbulpore, 25th August.

CAPTAIN C. E. BALFOUR, London, 29th August.

CAPTAIN C. J. RYDER, late 4th and 3rd Battalions, Bournemouth, December.

VISCOUNT GORMANSTON, G.C.M.G., October 25th.

The following is the statement of the services of the late Lieut.-General Sir Henry Francis Williams, K.C.B. :—

Date of birth	- - - -	3rd April, 1825.
Second Lieutenant, 87th Foot	- - -	19th May, 1843.
Lieutenant, 87th Foot	- - -	20th Dec., 1844.
Lieutenant, 60th Foot	- - -	30th May, 1845.
Captain, 60th Foot	- - -	3rd Mar., 1854.
Major, Brevet	- - -	19th Jan., 1858.
Major, 60th Foot	- - -	28th Oct., 1864.
Lieut.-Colonel, Brevet	- - -	4th Aug., 1864.
Lieut.-Colonel, 60th Foot	- - -	1st Feb., 1873.
Lieut.-Colonel, Brigade Depôt	- - -	13th Aug., 1873.
Lieut.-Colonel, half-pay	- - -	1st Dec., 1875.
Lieut.-Colonel, Brigade Depôt	- - -	1st Dec., 1875.
Lieut.-Colonel, half-pay	- - -	25th Sept., 1878.
Colonel, Brevet	- - -	18th April, 1871.
Major-General	- - -	11th Oct., 1881.
Placed on retired pay, with the honorary rank of Lieutenant-General	-	25th Sept., 1885.
Appointed Colonel, Royal Sussex Regt.	-	6th Oct., 1901.
Appointed Colonel Commandant, King's Royal Rifle Corps	- -	29th July, 1903.

### STAFF SERVICE.

Staff Officer, Scutari, June, 1855, to 31st July, 1856.

### WAR SERVICE.

*Punjab Campaign*, 1848-9.—Siege of Mooltan and battle of Goojerat. Medal with two clasps.

*N.W. Frontier of India Campaign*, 1849-50.—Capture of Suggoo, pursuit of Sikh Army and expulsion of Afghans beyond Kyber Pass. Medal with clasp.





THE LATE MAJOR T. M. RILEY.

*Indian Mutiny*, 1857-9.—Action on the Hindun, battle of Budlee-ke-Serai, and siege of Delhi (severely wounded). Despatches, *London Gazette* of 16th January, 1858. Medal with clasp.

Selected for a reward for Distinguished and Meritorious Services 26th May, 1883.

Died at Plymouth on 1st May, 1907.

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## MAJOR THOMAS MOFFAT RILEY,

DIED 28TH FEBRUARY, 1908.

ANOTHER great Rifleman has passed away. One, not indeed covered with medals or adorned with titles, yet truly and in the highest sense great. In the General Order recording the death of Sir John Moore, the Duke of York—our own Colonel—then Commander-in-Chief, remarked that the life of Sir John had been spent among the troops. No higher or more happy compliment could have been paid, yet it is one that can well be shared by our departed comrade. From sunrise to sunset he was engaged in some work or other furthering the welfare of soldiers. Many no doubt have had occupations demanding a greater measure of ability or a more extended range, but no one ever more thoroughly and conscientiously passed the whole of his time in the fulfilment of what he considered to be his duty. Yet he was no mere philanthropist, but a shrewd, hard-headed man of the world, endued with much practical ability.

Thomas Riley—himself the son of a Rifleman—joined the *Dépôt* in 1867 as a boy barely seventeen years old. At the end of a month he received his first stripe. In due course young Riley joined the 1st Battalion in Canada. For a man of his calibre, promotion was of course certain. He came under the eye of Colonel Charles Gordon, and was a Colour-Sergeant at the age of twenty-four—a remarkable compliment in those days, when so many men of long service still remained. In 1877 the Battalion returned to England. During the last days of 1880 it was sent at a moment's notice to

Ireland. In the following year a terrible tragedy brought unexpected promotion. The Sergeant-Major and the Assistant Sergeant-Major were upset while boating in Lough Ree, and both were drowned. Riley, the next senior N.C.O., was appointed Sergeant-Major. Still further honours awaited him. In the autumn of 1882 he received his commission as Quartermaster.

In this capacity he followed the fortunes of the Battalion through its tour in Ireland and afterwards to the Isle of Wight, where he finally quitted it to take up the appointment of Quartermaster at the Rifle Depôt. What Riley's labours must have been at the time when the Barracks at Winchester were burned down in 1894, and the Depôt moved to Gosport, it is difficult to imagine. But still greater and more prolonged was his task during the Boer war, and Colonel Mends would be the first to acknowledge how much he owed to the ability of his Quartermaster. The writer sometimes doubts whether the splendid efficiency of the Rifle Depôt during that trying period has been adequately realised at the War Office; but the methods, forethought, and businesslike capacity which we admire so much in the German Army, were certainly equalled—probably surpassed, for the Germans have never undergone such a strain. During the war the Rifle Depôt was inspected by General Sir Baker Russell. Everything as usual was in the highest order. At length something was found to be out of place. The General asked the reason. "We were obliged to have one thing wrong," replied Riley, "It would not do for the Inspecting Officer to report that he could not find anything amiss." Sir Baker was much amused.

At last the Depôt returned to Winchester. Thenceforward Major Riley pursued the even tenour of his way. His hands always found something to do, and he did it with his might. The good work which he put in was enormous, and one need only mention here the Riflemen's Aid and the Riflemen's Temperance League—the latter a memorial of Colonel Hatchell's great period of

command—among the many societies with which he was connected, and in most cases probably the moving spirit. On 25th September, 1905, he retired under the age clause after thirty-eight years' service, twenty-three of which had been passed as a commissioned officer. "By Major Riley's retirement," observed Colonel Herbert in a happily-worded farewell order, "the Commanding Officer loses the services of an invaluable Staff officer and of a personal friend of many years standing. . . . He feels that he is only expressing the thoughts of all Riflemen past and present of both Regiments, when he wishes Major Riley many years of health and happiness to enjoy the comparative rest his retirement brings him."

The hope has, alas, not been realised, and we mourn our noble-hearted comrade. Albeit unknown probably to himself, the motto of his life was "*Laborare est orare.*" It is difficult to imagine anyone making a better use of his time. He could not be idle. The innumerable wreaths covering his grave testify to the incredibly numerous branches of his work. Volunteer Corps, Hospitals, Public Schools, Friendly Societies, all sent their last tribute of respect.

He was no ascetic. In earlier days he had been a prominent figure in regimental theatricals. He was a cheery and welcome member of any Mess. In Ireland he edited the Battalion newspaper. He was a keen rifle shot. His last bit of soldiering was at Aldershot in 1907, when he acted as Quartermaster to the Public Schools Brigade.

Riley was a man of broad views, and blest with a singularly even temper. A confirmed abstainer, he had no narrow prejudice against those who did not entirely agree with his opinions. As a Colour-Sergeant no one could be keener that his company should excel. Yet on one occasion when "B" had shot badly and someone remarked "Your Company will be the worst in the Battalion," his reply was "I hope so"; and it was in keeping with his character, for the standard of the Battalion was far more important to him than the prece-

dence of his Company. In the same way, although he probably thought the 1st Battalion of the 60th the most perfect in the world, his sympathies with other regiments and battalions were equally keen.

One word in conclusion. We hear nowadays much wild talk about Socialism. It may be submitted that the ideals claimed for Socialism are exemplified by our Regiment in the highest form, while its evils are entirely eliminated. There is no cavil against constituted authority, but a ready obedience to discipline, due to the feeling that every member of the Regiment, from the Colonel Commandant to the last joined recruit, is one of a band of brothers in arms, each glorying in the name of Rifleman. Of such practical Socialism, Major Riley was a grand exponent.

Not one of us but will miss his portly presence, his cheery greeting, his unvarying smile; but his memory will be ever dear to our hearts, as of one who

"Guided to brighter worlds and led the way."

L. BUTLER.

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### *AN APPRECIATION,*

*by an Officer closely associated with Major Riley in his work.*

The connexion between Major Riley and the P. S. Brigade dated from 1899, and in 1906 the state of his health was such that we felt we might not see him in Camp again. It is not often one finds a man so supremely happy in his post, and those whom he is serving so thoroughly content with their officer. All of us who came into contact with him learnt something from him, and the nearer and closer the contact the better the lesson. To those who knew the difficulties and manifold details of his work, it was delightful to watch the cool handling by an expert of a most complicated and tiresome machine. He was never in a hurry, never out of temper, never at fault: and his patience with less expert and rather flustered assistants was extraordinary. And then, the all-embracing heart of the man! he seemed to love everyone in

their degree. Hear him greet a subaltern of the 60th, or a retired officer of the Brigade! each had his niche in Riley's heart, and each was sure of a warm welcome. Every boy, every member of his numerous fatigues was "my son"! M——n, he would say, "I can do with them all, love them all, and look after them all, except grooms; they are too many for me."

He always read a text before leaving his tent, and coming out one morning to find that Capt. F——, acting Q. M., had pitchforked all his stores into the depot uncounted, he smiled upon him and sent him to breakfast. "Wonderful things texts," he said, "mine this morning was 'Have patience with the ignorant,' and I *have* had."

On the morning before the assembling of the last Camp he made a speech to the mixed fatigue, some 100 strong, as to their behaviour and language at a Boys' Camp. The speech was ordinary enough but the effect was wonderful, right up to the end those whose work lay among them found them quiet, willing, and amenable.

Major Riley had the qualifications required by his post very highly developed: he was businesslike in the best sense of the word, but his great success was really due to the pleasure every official took in obliging one who would do anything for them, and the ready obedience and willing service rendered to him by subordinates who knew how he laboured for their comfort and their welfare.

Major Riley first came into connection with the Brigade of Public School Cadet Corps, which is formed each year, and encamped for 9 days at Aldershot, in the year 1899, when he was appointed Brigade Supply and Transport Officer by the late Major H. Buchanan Riddell. Since that date he each year held this appointment. Is it necessary to say that during these ten years he reorganized the arrangements of his department, immensely improving the feeding of the boys, and always kept everything running with complete smoothness and complete absence of breakdown.



But besides the successful working of his own department, the most striking feature was his keen interest in the camp as a whole, the camp in every part of its work—an interest which lasted throughout all the other weeks of the year. It seemed to me to be his pet hobby, and he was always ready to talk about its continued success and gradual improvement as a means of military training. He was in touch with every corps and every officer, and knew exactly which were doing well, and was always ready with wise suggestion and advice.

Lastly, I would wish however inadequately to speak of his genial and powerful personality, which led him to take an interest in the boys' amusements and life, and still more in the religious services held in camp. All, masters and boys alike, and especially those who saw most of him, know that they have lost a true friend and a man of the sanest judgment, and of the wisest influence for good.

A. F. HOARE, Lieut.-Col.

*1st V. B. Bedfordshire Regiment.*

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*Remarks by the Chaplain.*—REV. J. B. SEATON.

It is impossible to estimate the loss we have suffered in the death of Major Riley. It is hard to think of Camp without him. We always felt that things were safe whilst he was there. His was the mind which controlled all the arrangements for the convenience and the comfort of the Brigade: full of resource, a master of detail, always cheerful, with a kind word for everyone, with a humour which never failed, and with an ingenuity which was equal to all occasions, we felt that we never turned to him in vain. During these last few years, since the camp grew to such large dimensions, it is probable that only a very few of those in camp realised whose was the thoughtful and capable care which ministered to their needs with such admirable efficiency. But all who knew the inner workings of the camp wondered more and more every year at the quiet and patient devotion with which, often in great pain,

he did his duty. He loved the camp, and he loved to see its inhabitants happy: he knew the possibilities of the Brigade, and he worked to realise them. He wanted no other reward. Those who knew him best knew the secret of his character and of his power. His religion was the most real thing in his life, and was the source of his kindness and cheerfulness, and of the strong and healthy influence which he spread round about him always.

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